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1	8-17-50	PH report to HQ	5	5	1 dup.
1	9-1-50	HQ letter to NK	1	1	
UR	9-13-50	BS letter to HQ	1	1	see HQ file 65-59181
2	9-19-50	PH letter to HQ	1	1	
UR	9-8-50	BS report to HQ	3	—	see HQ file 65-59181
3	11-3-50	NK report to HQ	6	6	1 dup.
4	11-29-50	BS report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
5	11-29-50	LA letter to HQ	1	1	
5	12-9-50	HQ letter to LA	2	—	Referred to other Gov. Agency
6	11-29-50	LA report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
7	12-11-50	BS report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
8	12-19-50	PH report to HQ	3	3	1 dup.

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9	1-6-51	NY report to HQ	5	5	1 dup.
10	1-13-51	NY letter to HQ	1	1	3
11	1-25-51	LA letter to HQ	1	1	3
12	1-29-51	BT report to HQ	3	3	1 dup.
13	2-17-51	BS letter to HQ	1	1	3
14	2-20-51	NK report to HQ	5	5	1 dup.
15	3-9-51	HQ letter PH	1	1	3
16	4-6-51	PH letter to HQ	1	1	3
16	4-19-51	HQ letter to NK	1	1	3
17	5-25-51	HQ letter to NK	2	2	3
18	5-25-51	HQ letter to NK	1	1	3
19	5-28-51	Keay memo to Belmont	2	2	3

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19	6-14-51	HQ letter to NK	2	2	
20	6-13-51	BS letter to HQ	1	1	
21	6-28-51	NK letter to HQ	3	3	
22	7-10-51	PG letter to HQ	1	1	
23	7-13-51	NK letter to HQ	2	2	
24	7-16-51	CV report to HQ	5	5	1 dup.
25	7-25-51	NK letter to HQ	1	1	
26	8-6-51	NY report to HQ	8	8	1 dup.
27	8-13-51	PG letter to HQ	1	1	
28	8-14-51	NK Report to HQ	14	14	
28	8-14-51	COPY of above Report	14	14	14 dup.
29	8-24-51	CG report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
30	8-29-51	NH report to HQ	4	4	1 dup

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31	9-6-51	PG letter to HQ	1	1	
32	9-19-51	NY report to HQ	6	6	1 dup.
33	10-10-51	OE report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
34	10-2-51	PH letter to HQ	1	1	
34	10-29-51	HQ letter to PH	1	1	
35	10-31-51	WFO report to HQ	3	-	see HQ file 65-59181
36	11-14-51	PH report to HQ	5	5	1 dup.
37	11-10-51	NK letter to HQ	1	1	
37	12-4-51	HQ letter to NK	1	1	
38	11-20-51	NK letter to HQ	1	1	
38	12-17-51	HQ letter to PH	1	1	
39	11-16-51	NK report to HQ	8	8	1 dup.

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40	1-3-52	PH letter to HQ	1	1	
41	4-11-52	NK report to HQ	5	5	1 dup.
42	6-3-52	NK letter to HQ	1	1	
43	6-26-52	PH report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
44	7-20-52	NK report to HQ	7	7	1 dup.
45	8-22-52	DN report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
46	8-26-52	NK letter to HQ	1	1	
47	9-19-52	DN report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
48	9-24-52	NK report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
49	10-1-52	NY report to HQ	4	4	1 dup.
50	11/14/52	NK SAC LETTER TO HQ	1	1	done *

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50	11-26-52	SEARCH SLIP	1	1	
50	12/1/52	HQ LETTER TO SAC/NK	3	3	
51	11/18/52	BS REPORT TO HQ	4	4	1 dup.
52	12/1/52	HQ AIRTEL TO PH	1	1	
NR	12/3/52	DN TT TO PH	2	2	
53	12/8/52	DN REPORT TO HQ	5	5	1 dup.
N/N	12/8/52	Search SLIP	4	1	
54	12/4/52	ON TELETYPE TO HQ	1	1	
54	12/15/52	HQ LETTER TO NK	1	1	
55	1/21/53	PG REPORT TO HQ	3	3	
55	1/21/53	copy COVER SHEET PG REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.
56	1/20/53	SAC/NK LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
57	1/29/53	PH/SAC LETTER TO HQ	2	2	

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58	2/2/53	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
59	1/28/53	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
60	2/19/53	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
61	2/18/53	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
62	2/26/53	NY REPORT TO HQ	5	5	1 dup.
62	2/26/53	COVER SHEET copy NY REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.
63	4/1/53	NK REPORT TO HQ	4	4	
63	4/1/53	COVER SHEET TO COPY NK REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.
64	4/30/53	CY REPORT TO HQ	4	4	
64	4/30/53	COVER SHEET TO COPY CY REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.
65	6/5/53	NH REPORT TO HQ	3	3	
65	6/5/53	COVER SHEET TO COPY NH REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.

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66	6/8/53	NK/SAC LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
67	6/24/53	NY REPORT TO HQ COVER SHEET COPY	2	2	
67	6/24/53	NY REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.
68	7/1/22/53	NK LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
69	7/24/53	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	1	
70	7/29/53	NY/SAC LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
71	8/4/53	NK/SAC LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
72	8/10/53	CI REPORT TO HQ COVER SHEET TO HQ COPY	2	2	
72	8/10/53	CI REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.
73	8/18/53	NK REPORT TO HQ	2	2	
73	8/18/53	COVER SHEET TO HQ COPY NK REPORT TO HQ	1	1	1 dup.
73	8/18/53	SAC/NK LETTER TO HQ	1	1	

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Re: THOMAS L BACK

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEWARK, N.J.FILE NO. 65-4374 NPM

REPORT MADE AT <u>PHILADELPHIA, PA</u>	DATE WHEN MADE <u>AUG 17 1950</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <u>6/20; 8/9/50</u>	REPORT MADE BY <u>ROBERT W. HOLMES</u>
TITLE <u>NICHOLS, East Rutherford, N.J.;</u> <u>THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant</u>	CHARACTER OF CASE <u>ESPIONAGE - R</u>		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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THOMAS L. BLACK, admitted Soviet agent, instructed by superior, PAUL PETERSEN, about 1935, to locate one NICHOLS, in East Rutherford, N.J., and re-establish contact. NICHOLS described by PETERSEN as metallurgist and MIT graduate who had previously given valuable information to Soviets. Contact not made.

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DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

THOMAS L. BLACK, an admitted Soviet espionage agent, was interviewed at the Philadelphia Office by Special Agents WILLIAM B. WELTE and the writer. During the course of this interview, BLACK gave authorization for the search of property which he had stored at the Van Poznak Fireproof Storage Warehouse, 92 Howard Street, Newark, N.J.

On June 17, 1950 Special Agents TROY COLEMAN and EUGENE C. JONES, of the Newark Division, searched BLACK's property at this warehouse and among other things secured a green metal strongbox which was identified as being in Box #773. Among the contents of this box was a small notebook which was exhibited to BLACK on June 20, 1950 by the interviewing agents. BLACK identified the notebook as his. In this book was the following entry: "See NICHOLS, E. Rutherford." BLACK identified the notation as being in his handwriting and said that it was made by him following a meeting in about 1935 with his then

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Soviet superior, PAUL PETERSEN. At that meeting PETERSEN had instructed BLACK to locate a man named NICHOLS who lived in East Rutherford, N.J., and re-establish contact with him. PETERSEN told BLACK that NICHOLS was a metallurgist who had graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He said that NICHOLS had at some former time furnished information of considerable value to the Soviets and BLACK's assignment was to locate him, become acquainted with him, and when this had been accomplished, to report back to PETERSEN who would then give further instructions.

PETERSEN had no information concerning NICHOLS except his last name and the fact that he was last known to have lived in Rutherford, except to say that his hobby was microscopy. PETERSEN knew that BLACK was also interested in microscopy and suggested that BLACK use this common interest as a means of becoming acquainted. BLACK said that the name was not spelled for him by PETERSEN and that his spelling of it in the notebook was phonetic. It is possible that the name may be spelled some other way.

BLACK advised that he made no serious effort to locate NICHOLS beyond looking in the current Rutherford Telephone Directory and in the Rutherford City Directory maintained in the Rutherford Library. At the next meeting with PETERSEN, he reported to PETERSEN that he had been unable to locate NICHOLS. PETERSEN said that he was certain that NICHOLS was in East Rutherford and that he would take care of the assignment in some other manner. BLACK heard no more about it and never made contact with NICHOLS.

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Philadelphia File #65-4374

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

The strongbox in which the notebook containing the reference to NICHOLS was found is an exhibit in the Philadelphia Division, and its serial number is 65-4332-1B-4.

Philadelphia File #65-4374

LEADS

THE NEWARK DIVISION

AT EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Will conduct the necessary investigation to locate and identify NICHOLS.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

A copy of this report is being sent to New York for information since it is believed that if NICHOLS was engaged in espionage activities, they took place in the New York area.

THE BOSTON DIVISION

A copy of this report is being sent to the Boston Division because investigation has been conducted there on teletype leads in an effort to identify NICHOLS.

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Director, FBI

UBSUB NICHOLS,
East Rutherford, New Jersey;
Thomas L. Black - Informant
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Newark report of Special Agent Louis G. Turner dated July 20, 1950, entitled, "Thomas L. Black Espionage - R," Newark file 65-6076. On pages 69 and 70 of referenced report information is set out regarding Unsub Nichols. Thomas L. Black, an admitted espionage agent, stated that he was instructed by his Soviet espionage superior Paul Petersen to contact a man named Nichols at East Rutherford, New Jersey, in 1935. Nichols was allegedly a graduate of MIT in metallurgy. Black claims never to have contacted Nichols.

Newark and Boston should submit reports captioned as the title of this memorandum and efforts to locate and identify Nichols should continue to be reported under above caption instead of in the Black case.

You should give this matter continuous and vigorous attention.

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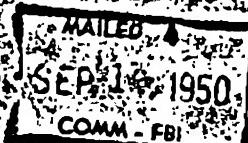
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TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia
SUBJECT: NICHOLS

DATE: September 19, 1950

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East Rutherford, N. J.
~~THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT~~
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS captioned, THOMAS L. BLACK, was., ESPIONAGE - R, and dated September 8, 1950 at Boston.

The above report refers to investigation conducted in an attempt to identify the unknown subject referred to by BLACK as NICHOLS of East Rutherford, N. J. A file with Newark as origin has been opened and captioned as above.

Since the report of SA CONNORS refers to investigation conducted in an attempt to identify NICHOLS, it is suggested that the offices receiving copies of this report place it in the file pertaining to NICHOLS rather than in the file pertaining to THOMAS L. BLACK.

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/3/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/27, 28, 30, 31/50	REPORT MADE BY LOUIS G. TURNER
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT/NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Metallurgy graduates of MIT by name of NICHOLS listed. Individuals named NICHOLS or similar spelling known to have resided East Rutherford or Rutherford, N.J. in 1935 checked with negative results.

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To Newark
DETAILS: THOMAS L. BLACK, an admitted Soviet Espionage Agent, has advised Special Agents of the Philadelphia Office that in about 1935 his Soviet superior, PAUL PETERSEN, instructed BLACK to locate a man named NICHOLS who lived in East Rutherford, New Jersey and re-establish contact with him. PETERSEN told BLACK that NICHOLS had formerly furnished information of considerable value to the Soviet and BLACK's assignment was to locate him. PETERSEN indicated to BLACK that NICHOLS was a metallurgist who had graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and had a hobby of microscopy.

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0-1-10-51 SAN BX
0-1-24-51
BLACK advised that the spelling NICHOLS was phonetic and that the name may be spelled some other way. BLACK also indicated that he made no serious effort to locate NICHOLS and never made contact with him.

0-1-24-51
The Boston Office advised by teletype dated June 30, 1950 in the case entitled, "THOMAS L. BLACK, was, ESPIONAGE-R", that a search of the alumni records of Massachusetts Institute of Technology reflected the following graduates in metallurgy:

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BRUCE BENJAMIN NICHOLS - graduated 1943; Engineer assistant, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Portland, Oregon

CLARK NICHOLS - graduated 1935; Field engineer, Leeds and Northrup Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

JACKSON ROSS NICHOLS - graduated 1940; American Smelting and Refining Company, Alton, Illinois

JAMES WILLIAM NICHOLS - graduated 1946; Care of F. N. SWARD, Beulah, Michigan

ROBERT PORTER NICHOLS - graduated 1905; Searsport, Maine

WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS - graduated 1902; 1416 South Bonito, Alhambra, California

ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS - graduated 1922; Mechanical engineer, Board of Education, Brooklyn, New York

GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS - graduated 1923; Madison, New Jersey

JAMES SIVITER NICHOL - graduated 1943; 80 Linden Street, Maplewood, New Jersey

Boston Office also advised that the names NICHOLL, NICHELS, NICKELE, and NICKEL were checked through the alumni records of Massachusetts Institute of Technology with negative results.

Of the above individuals, BRUCE BENJAMIN NICHOLS, JAMES WILLIAM NICHOLS, and JAMES SIVITER NICHOL, are being eliminated from this investigation due to their graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology subsequent to the pertinent period.

The following investigation was conducted by S. RUFUS T. TYSON:

Investigation at the Business Men's Library, Newark, New Jersey and the Free Public Library, Rutherford, New Jersey, revealed that there has not been a city directory published for the City of East Rutherford, New Jersey for the years 1931 through 1945.

[REDACTED] East Rutherford, New Jersey Police Department was contacted and in turn contacted several of the older officers of the Department. By this means, [REDACTED] furnished the list of names of persons by the name of NICHOLS who were recalled as having lived in East Rutherford

at one time or another. [REDACTED] stated most of the individuals listed definitely did not attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The remaining individuals listed were found to have attended East Rutherford High School, but it was ascertained that these individuals either had not made sufficiently high grades to be admitted to college, had not taken courses which were required for college admission, or had graduated from this school subsequent to the pertinent period. 7c

GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS, 29 Hillcrest Road, Madison, New Jersey, who graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1923, was telephonically contacted [REDACTED]. He advised that he had never lived in East Rutherford, New Jersey and stated that he did not know any other person by the name of NICHOLS who graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 7e

[REDACTED] Madison, New Jersey Police Department, 7c advised that GEORGE HARRIS NICHOLS was a long time resident of Madison, New Jersey who has always maintained an excellent reputation in that community.

Reference to the 1935 and 1936 telephone directories for East Rutherford, New Jersey, reflect that only a JASPER NICHOLS and a J. N. NICHOLSON, possess similar names and resided in that town in 1935. It was ascertained that neither of the above individuals ever attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The telephone directories for 1935 and 1936 for the adjoining town of Rutherford, New Jersey, were checked for all individuals of a similar name. In this connection, all individuals named NICHOLS or NICOL were either contacted or were checked through other residents of the town with negative results regarding attendance at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Additional information concerning ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS, aka [REDACTED] Nicholsky, was set forth in the report of S. FREDERICK M. GONNORS dated September 8, 1950 at Boston captioned, "THOMAS L. BLACK, was, ESPIONAGE-R".

A review of visitors' records at Evans Signal Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey during investigation in the case entitled, "RON HYMAN COLEMAN, ESPIONAGE-R", reflects that in 1944 COLEMAN was visited by a JOHN A. NICHOLS, a representative of the B. F. Sturtevant Company, Newark, New Jersey. It is noted that the above company is presently located in Camden, New Jersey and the identification of JOHN A. NICHOLS is being undertaken in the Coleman investigation.

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LEADS

BOSTON DIVISION

AT SEARSPORT, MAINE

Will endeavor to obtain background information concerning ROBERT PORTER NICHOLS to determine if he was a resident of New Jersey during the 1930s.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

Will determine if WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS, 1416 South Bonito, was ever a resident of New Jersey and if so, obtain background information concerning him.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Will obtain background information of ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS through State Board of Education, 383 State Street. It is noted that the report of S. FREDERICK M. CONNORS dated September 8, 1950 at Boston in the case entitled, "THOMAS L. BLACK, was., ESPIONAGE-R", sets forth information in records of Massachusetts Institute of Technology indicating the above address for NICHOLS in 1937, and as care of De FRANCISHE, 32 East 58th Street, New York City in 1938.

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will check records of Leeds and Northrup Company to ascertain if CLARK NICHOLS, field engineer, may have resided in New Jersey in approximately 1935.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS

Will ascertain if JACKSON ROSS NICHOLS, American Smelting and Refining Company, was ever a resident of New Jersey and if so, obtain background information concerning him.

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NEWARK DIVISION

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will follow investigation in the case entitled, "MARON HYMAN COLEMAN, ESPIONAGE - R", to ascertain identity and background of JOHN A. NICHOLS, B. F. Sturtevant, who is known to have visited COLEMAN at Evans Signal Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey in 1944.

Will review records of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for East Rutherford and Rutherford, New Jersey during the pertinent period.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 9/1/50.

Report of SA ROBERT W. HOLMES dated 8/17/50 at Philadelphia

Report of SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS dated 9/8/50 at Boston in the case entitled, "THOMAS L. BLACK, was., ESPIONAGE - R".

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Metallurgy graduates of MIT by name of NICHOLS listed. Individuals named NICHOLS or similar spelling known to have resided East Rutherford or Rutherford, N.J. in 1935 checked with negative results.

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DETAILS:

THOMAS L. BLACK, an admitted Soviet Espionage Agent, has advised Special Agents of the Philadelphia Office that in about 1935 his Soviet superior, PAUL PETERSEN, instructed BLACK to locate a man named NICHOLS who lived in East Rutherford, New Jersey and re-establish contact with him. PETERSEN told BLACK that NICHOLS had formerly furnished information of considerable value to the Soviet and BLACK's assignment was to locate him. PETERSEN indicated to BLACK that NICHOLS was a metallurgist who had graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and had a hobby of microscopy.

BLACK advised that the spelling NICHOLS was phonetic and that the name may be spelled some other way. BLACK also indicated that he made no serious effort to locate NICHOLS and never made contact with him.

The Boston Office advised by teletype dated June 30, 1950 in the case entitled, "THOMAS L. BLACK," was, "ESPIONAGE - R", that a search of the alumni records of Massachusetts Institute of Technology reflected the following graduates in metallurgy:

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	11/29/50	8/17, 31; 11/15/50	FREDERICK M. CONNORS
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
NICHOLS, East Rutherford, N.J.; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant		ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Records reviewed for purpose of identifying unknown subject NICHOLS. Records failed to establish identifying data. ALEX GEORGE NICHOLS nee NICHOLSKY suggested as a possibility.

Details: T-1, of known reliability, reviewed the records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Association at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. No person was located who answers the description of NICHOLS. The unknown subject who apparently resided in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in 1937, was a graduate of the Metallurgy Course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and had a hobby of microscopes. The possibility is suggested that NICHOLS, nee NICHOLSKY, who entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in his Junior year receiving a B.S. in Biology in 1922, should be considered. The yearbook reflected NICHOLS was born on October 22, 1892, at Petrograd, Russia. He prepared at the Russian Naval Academy and was in the Russian Polar Expedition. His course, according to the yearbook, was Electrical Engineering.

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Mail forwarded to him was returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1934 from 793 130th Street, New York City. He gave an address in care of De Fransehe, 32 East 58th Street, New York City in 1938. His last known address in October 1937 was in care of the Board of Education, 383 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

While it is noted that the data concerning ALEX GEORGE NICHOLS does not provide information which would identify him with the NICHOLS who resided in East Rutherford in 1937, it was noted that one of the records indicated that he was a biologist. If this record is correct, he would possibly have a hobby of microscopes; and it is believed that he should be definitely eliminated as no other individual is suggested on reviewing the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Records other than previously furnished.

In the event the photograph of ALEX GEORGE NICHOLS is desired, a copy can be obtained through officials at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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THE BOSTON DIVISION

At Searsport, Maine

Will endeavor to obtain background information concerning ROBERT PORTER NICHOLS to determine if he was a resident of New Jersey during the 30s as requested in Newark report dated November 3, 1950, made by SA LOUIS G. TURNER.

Reference: Report of SA ROBERT W. HOLMES dated August 17, 1950, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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TITLE — NICHOLS, East Rutherford, N.J.; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DATE: November 29, 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS,
East Rutherford, New Jersey;
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
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Re Bufile 65-59395: Reference is made to the report of SA LANNES O. BUFFIN dated November 29, 1950 at Los Angeles, and to Newark report dated November 3, 1950 in the above captioned matter.

THOMAS L. BLACK an admitted Soviet Espionage agent, advised that in about 1935 his Soviet superior instructed him to contact a man named NICHOLS who lived in East Rutherford, New Jersey. BLACK advised that it was indicated to him that NICHOLS was a metallurgist who had graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and had a hobby of microscopy. A search of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology alumni records reveals that WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS, 1416 South Benito Avenue, Alhambra, California, graduated from this school in 1916.

ELMER LUNDY, 1616 Cordova Avenue, Alhambra, who formerly lived at 1416 South Benito Avenue, Alhambra, California, advised that Captain WILLIAM R. NICHOLS, USN, Retired, is his step-son. He said that NICHOLS may have received mail at the South Benito Avenue address as he traveled around quite a lot after his retirement after World War II. LUNDY said that NICHOLS graduated from Annapolis in 1917 and served thirty years with the Navy spending all of his time after World War I in the planning for the construction of new naval ships. LUNDY said that Captain WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS is only 54 years of age, is married, wife, DOROTHY, and that he has one son who was recently enlisted in the U. S. Navy. LUNDY said that NICHOLS is presently teaching mathematics and science in a high school in Chula Vista, California.

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At Arlington, Virginia

Will review the service record of WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS, Captain, U. S. Navy, Retired, at the Navy Annex in an effort to determine whether this WILLIAM R. NICHOLS ever resided in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and to obtain information as to whether he actually attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey: THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS
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LUNDY advised he formerly lived at 1416 Benito
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ing school in Chula Vista, California.

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DETAILS

C. EUGENE STEADMAN, 1424 South Benito Avenue, Alhambra, California, advised that he has lived in this neighborhood for the past five years. He said that about two years ago NICK CALENDAR purchased the property at 1416 South Benito Avenue from Mr. and Mrs. ELMER LUNDY who presently reside at 1616 Cordova Avenue, Alhambra. STEADMAN said that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS, and that as far as he knows, no one by that name has resided at 1416 South Benito Avenue during the past five years. He said that the LUNDYS did keep roomers from time to time, but that as far as he knows, none of these roomers were named NICHOLS.

MARTIN DOSS, 1420 South Benito Avenue, Alhambra, advised that he was never acquainted with any resident in this neighborhood by the name of NICHOLS.

CHARLES LAST, operator of a garage at South Benito Avenue and Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, which is in the immediate vicinity of 1416 South Benito Avenue, advised that he was never acquainted with anyone in this neighborhood by the name of NICHOLS.

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A check of the records of the Alhambra Post Office reveals that on November 19, 1948 Captain W. R. NICHOLS left a forwarding address for himself and his wife, DOROTHY NICHOLS, from 1416 South Benito Avenue, Alhambra, to 721 Jay Avenue, Coronado, California.

ALMER LUNDY, 1616 Cordova Avenue, Alhambra, advised that Captain WILLIAM R. NICHOLS is his step-son, and that NICHOLS is a retired U. S. Navy Captain. He said that NICHOLS graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis in about 1917 and served in the Navy until after World War II. He said that NICHOLS may have received mail at 1416 Benito Avenue in view of the fact that he traveled around quite a lot after his retirement prior to the time that he accepted his present position. He said that NICHOLS is presently employed as a teacher of mathematics and science in a high school in Chula Vista, California. LUNDY said that NICHOLS, after his graduation from Annapolis, took post-graduate courses from time to time, but that the location of the schools attended by NICHOLS was unknown. He said that the nature of the work performed by NICHOLS in the Navy caused him to travel quite a bit, and that the only places that he recalled that NICHOLS lived during this time were in Bremerton, Washington, Hawaii, and Washington, D. C. LUNDY said that he does not know the exact nature of NICHOLS' work in the Navy, but that after World War I he never went to sea but spent most of his time in the planning for the construction of naval ships. LUNDY could furnish no information as to whether NICHOLS had ever resided in New Jersey. LUNDY said that WILLIAM NICHOLS is 54 years of age, is married, and has one son who was recently enlisted into the U. S. Navy.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles were checked regarding WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS by SE. GENE L. BURGE with negative results.

The records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters were checked regarding NICHOLS with negative results.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contained no information identifiable with WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS.

It is to be noted that the WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS whose name appeared on the alumni records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was listed as a graduate of that school in 1902. Captain WILLIAM NICHOLS, U. S. Navy Retired, is reported to be only 54 years of age at the present time.

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R E F E R E N C E S

Report of SA LOUIS G. TURNER at Newark dated November 3, 1950.
Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated November 27, 1950.

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
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REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/11/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/29, 12/4/50	REPORT MADE BY JOHN T. DELANEY
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigation at Searsport, Maine, failed to indicate that ROBERT PORTER NICHOLS ever resided in New Jersey during the 1930s.

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DETAILS:

At Searsport, Maine

Miss GRACE L. HARRIMAN, Postmaster, advised that ROBERT PORTER NICHOLS died approximately two years ago and he is survived by his wife, Mrs. MARTHA NICHOLS. She stated that ROBERT NICHOLS worked for the Eastern Steamship Company for years and had been retired for over the past twenty years. She said his father was a former sea captain and that his father and his uncle left him with considerable wealth.

Miss FLORENCE COLCOTT, Manager of the Local Telephone Office, stated that she was a very close friend of ROBERT PORTER NICHOLS' wife, MARTHA. She said that ROBERT NICHOLS has been employed for years for the Eastern Steamship Company but had been retired since 1928 and had remained in Searsport, Maine up until his death two years ago. She stated that he had never resided in New Jersey and the only other places

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he maintained residence was at Boston, Massachusetts, Worcester, Massachusetts, and Pawtucket, Rhode Island. She stated up until NICHOLS' death, he had been retired since 1928 and spent his years in Searsport, Maine. She described Mr. NICHOLS as a well-balanced person, a loyal American, always a perfect gentlemen, and was one of the first families to have settled in Searsport, Maine. She stated he was a member of the Congregational Church, and she has never known anything of a disloyal nature concerning Mr. NICHOLS.

Miss COLCORD verified the facts with Mrs. MARTHA NICHOLS that her husband had never resided in the state of New Jersey.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent LOUIS G. TURNER dated 11/3/50 at Newark.

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FILE NO. 65-3535-PLB

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/11/60	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/29, 12/4/60	REPORT MADE BY JOHN T. DELARAY
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECT NICHOLS, Past Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INVESTIGANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ADMINISTRATIVE Investigation at Searsport, Maine, failed to indicate that ROBERT RUTHERFORD NICHOLS ever resided in New Jersey during the 1930s.			
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DETAILS: <u>At Searsport, Maine</u> Miss GRACE L. HARRISAN, Postmaster, advised that ROBERT RUTHERFORD NICHOLS died approximately two years ago and he is survived by his wife, Mrs. MARTHA NICHOLS. She stated that ROBERT NICHOLS worked for the Eastern Steamship Company for years and had been retired for over the past twenty years. She said his father was a former sea captain and that his father and his uncle left him with considerable wealth. Miss FLORENCE CALCORD, Manager of the Local Telephone Office, stated that she was a very close friend of ROBERT RUTHERFORD NICHOLS' wife, MARTHA. She said that ROBERT NICHOLS has been employed for years for the Eastern Steamship Company but had been retired since 1928 and had remained in Searsport, Maine up until his death two years ago. She stated that he had never resided in New Jersey and the only other places			
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FILE NO. 65-4374 dad

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE DEC 19 1960	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/12/50	REPORT MADE BY JAMES F. SCOTT
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

CLARK NICHOLS, Sales Engineer, Leeds and Northrup Company, Phila., employed 9/16/35 coming to that company immediately upon graduation from M.I.T. While in school lived at 441 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. Since his employment he has had only Pennsylvania addresses.

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DETAILS:

Miss SARAH KIRKPATRICK, Personnel Department, Leeds and Northrup Company, 4901 Trenton Avenue, advised that CLARK NICHOLS had been employed by them on September 16, 1935; immediately upon his graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She supplied the following addresses for him.

Home address Searsport, Maine
441 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., while in school.
5030 Seyler Street, Philadelphia, Pa., at time of employment.
519 West King Street, Philadelphia, Pa., date not known.
5028 Copley Road, Philadelphia, Pa., date not known.
128 Weldy Road, Oreland, Pa., date not known.

Miss KIRKPATRICK stated his present living relatives were:

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Father: ROBERT NICHOLS
Searsport, Maine

Mother: MARTHA NICHOLS
Searsport, Maine

Sister: LUCY NICHOLS, Schoolteacher,
Oswego, New York.

Brother: JACKSON R. NICHOLS
Alton, Illinois
Employee of American Smelting
and Refining Company.

Wife: ELEANOR BROOKS NICHOLS
Oreland, Pa.

Miss KIRKPATRICK advised that CLARK WICHOLS had been sponsored for employment by Mr. CARL WILDS, a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She added that he was a well liked and respected employee, and stated that he had a bright future with that company.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA LOUIS C. TURNER
dated November 3, 1950 at Newark.

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FILE NO. 65-4374 dad

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/6/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/15, 18, 20/50	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey, THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS, also known as NICHOLSKY, presently employed by NYC Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY, as Assistant Mechanical Engineer. NICHOLS was born 11/4/95 at Warsaw, Poland. He attended the Russian Naval Academy, Petrograd, Russia, from 1911 to 1915; emigrated to the US in July, 1920; naturalized, USDC, Newark, New Jersey, 6/30/26. NICHOLS was graduated from MIT in 1922. Former employments and residences set out.

Possibility

DETAILS:

On December 18, 1950, [REDACTED] 7C New York City Civil Service Commission, 299 Broadway, New York City, made available the personnel file of ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS.

The file reflected that he has been employed by the Board of Education, New York City, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, as Assistant Mechanical Engineer since December, 1944. ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS, also known as NICHOLSKY, was born November 4, 1895 at Warsaw, Poland.

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NICHOLS listed his father's name as GEORGE and his mother's name as ANNA USOFF.

NICHOLS stated that he arrived in the United States on July 1, 1920, at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the SS HENDIA from Cristobal, Canal Zone. He stated that his point of departure was Yokohama, Japan, and he stopped at Cristobal en route to the United States. He filed his Declaration of Intention to become a United States citizen on August 21, 1922, at Boston, Massachusetts, and was naturalized on June 30, 1926, in the United States District Court, Newark, New Jersey.

NICHOLS listed the following as schools that he had attended:

1911 to 1915

Naval Academy, Petrograd, Russia.

1920 to 1922

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1940

College of the City of New York, New York City, New York.

NICHOLS listed the following employments:

1922 to 1926

Public Service Production Company, 80 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey.

1926 to 1934

de Botherat, Newark, New Jersey. He stated that he was employed here as an Engineer.

1935 to 1937

Department of Parks, New York City. He listed his employment here as a Senior Draftsman.

1937 to 1939

Public Works Administration, New York City. He listed his employment here as a Draftsman.

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(Employments continued)

1939 to 1944

Department of Public Works, New York City. He listed his employment here as an Electrical Engineer.

1944 to Present

Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York. He listed his employment here as Assistant Mechanical Engineer.

NICHOLS indicated the following residences since 1919:

June, 1919 to August, 1919

St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.

August, 1919 to February, 1920

Vladivostok, Siberia.

February, 1920 to June, 1920

Yokohama, Japan.

June, 1920 to July, 1920

En route to the United States on the SS SOYA MARIU and the SS HENDIA.

July, 1920 to October, 1921

96 Hemingway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

October, 1921 to October, 1922

4 Adams Street, Watertown, Massachusetts.

October, 1922 to April, 1924

1236 Bloomfield Street, Hohokus, New Jersey.

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April, 1924 to September, 1925

181 North Fourth Street, Newark, New Jersey.

September, 1925 to July, 1926

Young Men's Christian Association, 125 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey.

July, 1926 to October, 1926

8 Hillside Avenue, Summit, New Jersey.

October, 1926 to January, 1929

14-76 159th Street, Beechurst, Long Island, New York.

January, 1929 to December, 1938

14-29 157th Street, Beechurst, Long Island, New York.

January, 1939 to Date

32 East 58th Street, New York City.

A certificate appearing in NICHOLS' file reflects that NICHOLS was listed as a Lieutenant in the Russian Navy and was nominated as a member of the Production Committee for All Mine Service of the United States by the advice and consent of the United States Fuel Administration on August 31, 1919. The certificate stated that he was employed at various places in the United States in mining districts delivering lectures on the increase of production of coal.

The file further reflected that NICHOLS is single and resides with a family by the name of de Transehe at 32 East 58th Street, New York City.

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NY FILE NO. 65-15474 PMS

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/6/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/15, 18, 20/50	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey, THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS, also known as NICHOLSKY, presently employed by NYC Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY, as Assistant Mechanical Engineer. NICHOLS was born 11/4/95 at Warsaw, Poland. He attended the Russian Naval Academy, Petrograd, Russia, from 1911 to 1915; emigrated to the US in July, 1920; naturalized, USDC, Newark, New Jersey, 6/30/26. NICHOLS was graduated from MIT in 1922. Former employments and residences set out.

- RUC -

DETAILS:

On December 18, 1950, [REDACTED] 7C, New York City Civil Service Commission, 299 Broadway, New York City, made available the personnel file of ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS.

The file reflected that he has been employed by the Board of Education, New York City, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, as Assistant Mechanical Engineer since December, 1944. ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS, also known as NICHOLSKY, was born November 4, 1895 at Warsaw, Poland.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT : UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: NICHOLS,
East Rutherford, New Jersey;
THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 13, 1951

Rerep of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, New York, 1/6/51.

In referenced report the Office of Origin was inadvertently
designated as New York.

Since Newark is the Office of Origin, the New York copies have
been changed, and it is requested that the Bureau and Newark do likewise.

cc: Newark

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 25, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS,
East Rutherford, New Jersey
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau File #65-59395)

ReBulet January 9, 1951 which furnished information concerning one WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS. One copy of Bulet is being forwarded as an enclosure to the Newark Office, which is office of origin in this case.

Inasmuch as it does not appear probable from a review of the above letter that WILLIAM RAYMOND NICHOLS is identical with subject, no further investigation concerning him is contemplated by this office.

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cc: Newark (#65-4116) ENCLOSURE

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REPORT MADE AT BUTTE, MONTANA	DATE WHEN MADE JAN 29 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19/51	REPORT MADE BY CARLETON P. NORTON
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Personnel records American Smelting and Refining Company failed to reflect any residence for JACKSON ROSS NICHOLS - New Jersey.

-RUC-

DETAILS:

AT EAST HELENA, MONTANA

B. H. MASON, chief clerk, East Helena, Montana, branch of the American Smelting and Refining Company, produced the personnel file of JACKSON ROSS NICHOLS. This record reflected that JACKSON ROSS NICHOLS was born October 15, 1918, at Worcester, Massachusetts, attended high school at Tilton, New Hampshire, from 1932 to 1936, and was enrolled at Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1936 to 1940. According to the record, NICHOLS was employed by the American Smelting and Refining Company from July 1, 1940, to January 1, 1950, at Alton, Illinois. He was transferred January 1, 1950, to the East Helena Branch of the same company where he is still employed. There is no record in the personnel file of JACKSON ROSS NICHOLS ever having lived in New Jersey.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA LOUIS G. TURNER at Newark dated 11/3/50.
Springfield letter to Butte dated 1/9/51.

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director

DATE: 2-17-51

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS,
East Rutherford, New Jersey;
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Boston report of Special Agent John T. Delaney dated December 11, 1950 in the above captioned case. This report incorrectly designates the Boston file number as 65-3365. The Bureau and Newark Office are requested to amend their copies of the report of Delaney to indicate the Boston file number as 65-3408.

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Boston copies of this report have been corrected. RUC.

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NK FILE NO. 65-4116

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 2-20-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/22, 22, 23, 29, 2/1, 2, 6, 7, 15/51	REPORT MADE BY LOUIS G. TURNER
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS and JOHN A. NICHOLS
not identical to unknown Subject NICHOLS.
Electric and Gas records unproductive.

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DETAILS:

The following information pertains to
ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS, aka NICHOLSKY,
32 East 58th Street, New York City.

Referred New York report set out that ALEXANDER NICHOLS formerly resided at 8 Hillside Avenue, Summit, New Jersey and was formerly employed at Public Service Production Company, Newark, New Jersey.

JOHN RUSSELL, SR., 8 Hillside Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, advised he is an Assistant Safety Engineer for Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Newark, New Jersey. He stated that in 1926 he met ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLSKY, who was at that time employed by Public Service as a Detailer and Engineer. RUSSELL said he worked with NICHOLSKY for a short time and became friendly with him to the extent that he invited NICHOLSKY to stay at RUSSELL's home as a boarder.

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RUSSELL explained that after approximately six months of close association with NICHOLSKY the latter left Public Service to accept a position with the DE BOTHEZAT DELLER CO. of Newark, New Jersey at which time NICHOLSKY moved to New York City.

RUSSELL pointed out that although he has had little, or no contact with NICHOLS within the past 20 years, he nevertheless feels certain that NICHOLSKY would never become involved in any Communist or Soviet activity. RUSSELL explained that when NICHOLSKY and his family were part of the Russian Czar's household that NICHOLSKY's wife's parents, brothers and sisters were killed by the Russians in 1917. RUSSELL stated that NICHOLSKY escaped and after coming to the United States he changed residences frequently due to a fear that Communist Agents would locate him.

It was because of this fact that NICHOLSKY changed his name to NICHOLS according to RUSSELL.

RUSSELL advised that NICHOLSKY was a brilliant electrical and mechanical engineer; a graduate of Mass Institute of Technology, and possessed a keen mechanical mind. He pointed out, however, that NICHOLSKY was not a metallurgist, nor was he interested in microscopy.

In explanation, RUSSELL advised that his, RUSSELL's, father had owned a large collection of archeological slides and specimens of ore and metal, as well as two microscopes. RUSSELL recalled that one evening in NICHOLSKY's presence this material was brought out at his home and an attempt was made to interest NICHOLSKY in the use of microscopes. In spite of considerable discussion concerning the collection, it was readily apparent to RUSSELL that NICHOLSKY held neither an interest in, nor a knowledge of metallurgy or the use of microscopes.

RUSSELL pointed out further he is certain that NICHOLSKY never resided at East Rutherford, New Jersey or vicinity prior to 1940.

On the basis of known information concerning the unknown Subject in this matter, the above indicates that ERNEST GEORGE NICHOLS is not identical with the Subject.

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The following information pertains to JOHN A. NICHOLS of the B. F. Sturtvesant Electric Corporation. As set forth in referenced Newark report, the name of JOHN A. NICHOLS appears in the visitors record at Evans Signal Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey as having visited ARON H. COLMAN in 1944.

Mr. HAROLD BRUSH, Manager, B. F. Sturtvesant Division of Westinghouse Electric Company, 1060 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, advised he is personally acquainted with JOHN A. NICHOLS, a former manager of the Newark Office of the above firm.

BRUSH stated that JOHN A. NICHOLS was sent to Newark, New Jersey from the Minneapolis, Minnesota Office in approximately 1943 and in about 1946 he resigned to accept employment with General Mills in Minneapolis.

According to BRUSH, JOHN A. NICHOLS is not a graduate of MIT, nor has he any knowledge of metallurgy or microscopes. BRUSH said at no time has NICHOLS resided in East Rutherford, New Jersey or vicinity.

BRUSH added that in 1935 NICHOLS was employed someplace in the middle west and did not come to New Jersey until approximately 1943.

The above information indicates that JOHN A. NICHOLS is not identical with the unknown subject of this case.

Through Mr. WILLIAM T. CRUDGE, Assistant Secretary, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Newark, New Jersey, the records of Electric and Gas Service in the vicinity of East Rutherford, New Jersey were checked for any indication for service rendered during the period 1933-1935 to individuals by the name of NICHOLS or similar spelling. This check revealed no individuals in this vicinity not previously considered in this investigation.

It is noted that all information pertaining to the unknown subject NICHOLS was obtained from THOMAS L. BLACK, during investigation in the case entitled "THOMAS L. BLACK, was, ESPIONAGE - R". BLACK advised SA's of the Philadelphia Office that NICHOLS was a metallurgist who had graduated from M.I.T. and in 1935 resided in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

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Investigation in instant case has eliminated all individuals by the name of NICHOLS or similar spellings, who have graduated from M.I.T., and who could possibly be identical with the Subject.

A check of former and present residences of similar names at East Rutherford and Rutherford has been made with negative results.

Inasmuch as all outstanding leads in this case have been covered no further investigation is being conducted and this case is being considered closed.

- CLOSED -

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LOUIS G. TURNER, 11/3/50 at Newark.

Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 1/6/51, at New York.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

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SAC, Philadelphia

March 9, 1951

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa.,
Nichols,
East Rutherford, New Jersey;
Thomas L. Black, Informant
ESPIONAGE - R

The Newark office submitted the closing report of Special Agent Louis G. Turner dated 2-20-51.

The Philadelphia division should reinterview Thomas L. Black, the original informant in this case, to determine if he now recalls any additional facts concerning the Unknown Subject which he has not furnished heretofore. In the event Black is unable to furnish any further details which might lead to the identification of Nichols, Newark may leave the case in a closed status.

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cc: Newark (65-4116)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/6/51

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. NICHOLS
East Rutherford, N. J.
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - R
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Rebulet, 3/9/51.

On 4/4/51, THOMAS L. BLACK was reinterviewed for any supplemental information he might have re this unknown subject. BLACK repeated that at no time had he ever met this person. He had the impression that NICHOLS may have tutored Russian students at M.I.T., but said he had nothing definite upon which to base this impression.

BLACK also said that he has some recollection now of having located the name NICHOLS in a Rutherford directory, but he never did contact him.

This matter is considered RUC.

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cc: Newark (65-4116)

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SAC, Newark

April 19, 1951

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa.,

Nichols

East Rutherford, N. J.

THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT

ESPIONAGE - R

(Newark file 65-4116)

Re Philadelphia letter 4-6-51 which reflected that Thomas L. Black now recalls that Nichols may have tutored Russian students at MIT, but stated that he had nothing definite upon which to base this impression. Black also said that he has some recollection now of having located the name "Nichols" in a Rutherford directory, but that he never did contact him.

Newark is requested to reopen instant case. Boston is instructed to determine if rosters of tutors are maintained at MIT. Boston should also determine the feasibility of checking the personnel files of Russian students enrolled at MIT during the period 1925-1935, to ascertain if any of them were tutored by Unsub Nichols.

Since Black now recalls that he may have located the name of "Nichols" in a Rutherford directory, Newark should run out background information on Jasper Nichols and J. N. Nicholson, listed in the 1935 and 1936 telephone directories for East Rutherford.

Sufficient background information on persons by the name of "Nichols" listed in the 1935 and 1936 Rutherford directories should be developed to determine if they could possibly be identical with Unsub.

Newark should also check records of utility companies, tax records, and other logical sources for the towns of Rutherford and East Rutherford for possible leads in this case.

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SAC, Newark

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Director, FBI

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NICHOLS

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The National Research Council Bulletin #115 dated April, 1948, lists the following metallurgy societies:

1. American Society of Metals, 7301 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.
2. Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, Room 966, 11 Broadway, New York.
3. Non-Ferrous Ingot Metal Institute, West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.
4. Electro Chemical Society, Incorporated, 463 First Street, New York.
5. American Iron and Steel Institute, 350 5th Avenue, New York.
6. Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, 1010 Empire Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
7. Steel Founders Society of America, 920 Midland Building, Cleveland, Ohio.
8. American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, 29 West 39th Street, New York.
9. Metal Powder Association, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York.

The same bulletin lists the following societies interested in microscopy:

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American Microscopical Society, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

New York Microscopical Society, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York.

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Newark is requested to determine if local chapters of those societies exist in Newark, New Jersey, which would logically cover Rutherford and East Rutherford, New Jersey. If local chapters exist, Newark should determine if any leads concerning Unknown Subject are forthcoming from a search of the records of the societies for the years 1930 to 1935.

If any of the above-listed societies do not have local chapters, Newark should set out leads for offices at the national headquarters of the societies to check the records for any leads concerning the subject.

SAC, Newark

May 25, 1951

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa,

NICHOLS

ESPIONAGE - R

Newark file 65-4116

Re NYC report of SA Robert W. Cobolan, 1-6-51. Suspect Alexander George Nichols, aka Nicholsky, as reflected in refrep, was a graduate of MIT and worked in Newark, New Jersey, which is about 20 miles from East Rutherford, New Jersey, during the pertinent period.

Suspect was described by an associate as a brilliant electrical engineer and a mechanical engineer. Refrep further reflects that suspect attended the Russian Naval Academy, Petrograd, Russia, from 1911 to 1915. On August 31, 1919, apparently while still residing in Russia, suspect was nominated as a member of the Production Committee for the All Mine Service of the United States by advice and consent of the U. S. Fuel Administration. Shortly thereafter, he came to the U. S. and has resided here since about 1920.

Rerep of SA Louis G. Turner, 2-21-51, Newark. Refrep reflects that suspect, according to one informant, did not have an interest in microscopes or metallurgy.

In view of suspect's background and ability as an engineer, he seems to be a logical person for the Soviets to have contacted.

A review of Bufiles reflects no subversive, derogatory information identifiable with suspect.

Notwithstanding the apparent inconsistency of the lack of interest in microscopes and metallurgy by suspect, NYC is hereby instructed to interview Alexander George Nichols, aka Nicholsky, 32 East 58th Street, New York City, to determine if he is identical with the Unknown Subject of this case. He is presently employed by the New York City Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, as an assistant mechanical engineer.

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cc: New York

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NOTE: Thomas L. Black, admitted Soviet agent, was instructed by his Soviet superior, Paul Petersen, about 1935, to locate one Nichols in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and re-establish contact with him. Nichols was described by Petersen as being a metallurgist, an MIT graduate, and as having an interest in refugees. Petersen stated that Nichols had previously given valuable information to the Soviets. Black claims he never established contact with Nichols. Investigation since July, 1950, has failed to establish the identity of Nichols.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ABay*FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., NICHOLS;
EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY;
THOMAS L. BLACK-INFORMANT;ESPIONAGE-R

DATE: May 28, 1951

Henry F. Finch

This memorandum is a reply to a request for an oral correlation summary dated March 2, 1951.

The name of the subject in this case was searched under the surnames listed below with buildups of all first names. References were limited to subversive derogatory references excluding the 25 classification. References were limited to masculine names and to the birth date of 1915 and earlier. References were limited to the locality of Massachusetts and New Jersey with the exception of 116 main files, which were unlimited as to locality.

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The following references were located and referred to individuals who might possibly be identical with the subject of this memorandum. These references should be reviewed by the substantive supervisor handling the case.

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The following reference appears in the Bureau's general indices but could not be located in the reference: William C. Nichols, 100-124687-319

General indices lists a Bureau library card on William I. Nichols, but the card could not be located in the Bureau library.

RECOMMENDATION

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Espionage Section for the attention of Supervisor Linberg.

SAC, Newark

June 14, 1951

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa NICHOLS
EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - R
(Newark file 65-4116)

A review of Bureau files concerning the variations of the spelling of the name of Unsub has been made. The name was searched through Bureau indices under the surnames listed below with build ups of all first names. References were limited to subversive, derogatory references, excluding the 25 classification. References were limited to masculine names and to the birth date of 1915 and earlier. References were limited to the locality of Massachusetts and New Jersey, with the exception of 116 main files which were unlimited as to locality. The surnames checked were:

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Re Philadelphia file 100-1917 in the case entitled "Scott Fleming Nicoll; Internal Security - C." Nicoll was graduated from MIT in 1923 and was employed by the York Corporation as an engineer from 1924 to 1949. Nicoll resigned from York Corporation, York, Pa., rather than execute Atomic Energy Act loyalty oath forms required of him by the York Corporation. Nicoll was a key figure Communist of the Philadelphia Division in 1944 and was a known CP member during most of the 1940's.

Nicoll was regarded by his employer as a very capable employee.

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Philadelphia is requested to ascertain if Nicoll temporarily resided in Rutherford or East Rutherford, New Jersey, during 1935. Consideration should be given to the possibility that Nicoll may have gone to Rutherford or East Rutherford on a temporary assignment for his employer, the York Corporation, in 1935. (100-23271)

Re Philadelphia report of SA Howard A. Searl in the case entitled "Ferdinand Philip Heller, was; Espionage - R," dated July 6, 1950, (Newark file 65-4080, Philadelphia file 65-4348, NYC file 65-15353). This report reveals that the name "Arthur Nicholas, aka Nick, 19 Gedney Terrace, White Plains, New York, and 30 Lawn Avenue, New Rochelle, New York, appeared in the address book of Heller. Heller has stated that Arthur Nicholas was a former fellow worker at Franco-American Chemical Company, Carlstadt, New Jersey. It is noted that Carlstadt is just a few miles from East Rutherford, New Jersey, where Thomas L. Black was to contact the unknown subject of instant case. It is further noted that Arthur Nicholas was a friend of Vera Kane, according to Heller.

Re Newark report of SA Paul R. Acker, 7-28-50, in the Heller case. This report reflects that Heller resided in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in 1929 or 1930. Investigation by the Newark office concerning Arthur Nicholas failed to establish much information concerning him, inasmuch as the records of the Franco-American Chemical Company had been destroyed.

Philadelphia is instructed to reinterview Heller concerning Arthur Nicholas. Information concerning the employment and whereabouts of Nicholas in 1935 should be determined. Heller should be questioned as to the nature of information at the disposal of Nicholas.

The New York City division should conduct investigation concerning Arthur Nicholas to determine his background, employment and residence in 1935. The attention of the NYC division is directed to the report of SA Francis W. Zangle, 11-20-50, in the Heller case. This report reflected that NYC indices were negative concerning Arthur Nicholas.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 13, 1951

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT wa Nichols
East Rutherford, N.J.
THOMAS L. JACK - Informant
ESPIONAGE - R
(BuFile 65-59395)

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Newark dated April 19, 1951, requesting Boston to determine if rosters of tutors are maintained at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, and the feasibility of checking the personnel files of Russian students enrolled at Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the period 1925-1935 to ascertain if any of them were tutored by Unknown Subject NICHOLS.

Professor PAUL CHALMERS, Adviser to Foreign Students, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, stated that during the period 1925-1933, the approved tutoring system was not in existence at MIT whereby a list of tutors was maintained by the faculty for the convenience of students who required tutoring. Accordingly, no record of those who tutored during this specific period is available.

Mr. CHALMERS also stated that it would not be feasible to check the files of Russian students during the period 1925-1935 as such files would not disclose whether or not they had been tutored and would certainly not indicate the identity of the tutors if such had been employed by the students.

Accordingly, this case is being RUC'd to Newark, office of origin.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Newark
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Nichols
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-59395)

DATE: 6/28/51

H. W. Johnson
ReBulet to Newark, 5/25/51.

For information of offices not in receipt of prior communications this case, THOMAS L. BLACK, admitted Soviet agent, was instructed by his superior, PAUL PETERSEN, in about 1935 to locate one NICHOLS (phonetic) in East Rutherford, N.J., and re-establish contact. PETERSEN described NICHOLS as a metallurgist and a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who had previously given valuable information to the Soviets. NICHOLS had a hobby of microscopy and may have tutored Russian students at MIT. Subject's name is phonetic and BLACK made no contact.

Relet set out a number of metallurgy and microscopy society as listed in "National Research Council Bulletin #115" for April, 1948.

BLACK has some recollection of having located NICHOLS' name in a 1935 Rutherford telephone directory. Instant directory contains the name JASPER NICHOLS and J. N. NICHOLSON, both of East Rutherford, N.J. Investigation to date has not identified either of these as the unknown subject.

Investigation reflects that of the societies listed only one has a New Jersey chapter, that being the American Society for Metals, whose treasurer is RICHARD W. THORNE, 246 Raymond Blvd, Newark, N.J. This chapter is affiliated with the parent organization located at 7301 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. THORNE advised that he is unable to locate any membership records prior to 1941. A list of current members contains the name of WILLIAM HENRY NIKOLA, 151 Woodland Ave., Rutherford, N.J., who is employed at Westinghouse Electric Corp., Jersey City, N.J. Newark will conduct investigation to determine if NIKOLA is identical with unknown subject.

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CHICAGO:

Non-Ferrous Ingot Metal Institute
West Washington St.
Chicago

CLEVELAND:

Steel Founders Society of America
920 Midland Building
Cleveland, Ohio.

DETROIT:

American Microscopical Society
Department of Zoology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich.

NEW YORK:

American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers
29 West 39th St.
New York

American Iron and Steel Institute
350 5th Ave.
New York

Electro-Chemical Society, Inc.
463 1st St.
New York

Metal Powder Association
420 Lexington Ave.
New York

Mining and Metallurgical Society of America
Room 966
11 Broadway
New York

New York Microscopical Society
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West at 79th St.
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Offices covering headquarters of the aforementioned organizations are requested to review membership lists for the period from 1930 to 1940 to ascertain if unknown subject may have been a member. Instant offices will also obtain any leads therefrom which might assist in identifying unknown subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, Nichols
ESPIONAGE - R
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DATE: July 10, 1951

Re Newark letter to Bureau 6/28/51, copy of which was directed to the Pittsburgh Office.

Files of the Pittsburgh Office fail to reflect that Pittsburgh has previous correspondence on this case, and examination of the referenced Newark letter fails to indicate what specific investigation the Newark Office desires Pittsburgh to conduct. Newark is requested to advise this office what, if any, investigation Newark desires the Pittsburgh Office to conduct in connection with captioned case.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 13, 1951

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.

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Paul Smith, Paul Petersen
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Rerep of SA HOLLIS F. BOWERS, 7/2/51, Washington Field containing leads for Boston and Newark to identify NICHOLS E. RUTHERFORD, alleged contact of PAUL PETERSEN and THOMAS L. BLACK in East Rutherford, N.J.

For info WFO, separate investigation is being conducted under the caption "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Nichols; ESPIONAGE - R", Bufile 65-59395 with Newark as Office of Origin in an attempt to identify the individual in East Rutherford, N.J. whom BLACK was instructed to contact in 1935.

A review of this file reflects WFO received one report in this case, that of SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS, 9/8/50, Boston, captioned "THOMAS L. BLACK, was.; ESPIONAGE - R".

The following additional reports are being forwarded WFO for info:

Report of SA LOUIS G. TURNER, 11/3/50, Newark
Report of SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS, 11/29/50, Boston
Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 1/6/51, New York
Report of SA LOUIS G. TURNER, 2/20/51, Newark

By letter 4/6/51 Philadelphia advised that BLACK was re-interviewed and recalled that subject may have tutored Russian students at MIT and had some recollection of having located NICHOLS' name in a Rutherford directory.

Investigation to date has failed to identify unknown subject NICHOLS.

Bulet 5/25/51 instructed New York to interview ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS aka Nicholsky to determine if he is identical with unknown subjcct.

Inasmuch as all investigation requested in rerep is being handled under the Unknown Subject, wa. Nichols investigation, leads set out in rerep will be disregarded at Newark.

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Copies of reports in the case will henceforth be forwarded to
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REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND	DATE WHEN MADE 7/16/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/6/51	REPORT MADE BY FREDERICK L. EDWARDS eds
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Nichols		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Membership lists of Steel Founders Society of America, Cleveland, reflects a T. J. NICHOLS, McKeesport, Pennsylvania; E. J. NICHOLS, Bramford, Connecticut and W. H. NICHOLS, Blawnox, Pennsylvania, as present or past members. Information indicates that T. J. NICHOLS with Fort Pitt Steel Casting Company in 1935. No background information available on other individuals to indicate if identical with unknown subject. Leads set forth.

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Details: At Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. F. K. DONALDSON, Vice-President, Steel Founders Society of America, 920 Midland Building, advised that the organization which he represents is a trade society whose members are principally composed of the foundry trade. He stated that as a general rule individual companies make up the membership and that the memberships are then broken down to include the various officials of these companies. He further advised that during the years 1942 through

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1945 small membership books were published to reflect the membership of the individual officials but that in subsequent and prior years the Steel Foundry Directory listed the member companies geographically with the officers in charge carried as a sub-heading in the directory.

Mr. DONALDSON stated that he was not acquainted with any individual by the name of NICHOLS in New Jersey nor was he acquainted with any individual fitting the description of the unknown subject.

A review of the Steel Foundry Directories for the years 1930 to present failed to reflect a NICHOLS as being associated with any foundry in New Jersey during this period.

A review of the membership list of individuals for the years 1942 through 1945 reflected the following:

1942 - T. J. NICHOLS,
Vice-President in charge of operations
Fort Pitt Steel Casting Company
McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

1942 - W. H. NICHOLS,
Vice-President
Pittsburgh Rolls Division
Blawnox Corporation
Blawnox, Pennsylvania

1945 - E. J. NICHOLS,
Secretary
Malleable Iron Fittings Company
Bramford, Connecticut.

Mr. CHARLES W. BRIGGS, Technical and Research Director, Steel Founders Society of America, was telephonically contacted by DONALDSON who advised that BRIGGS had said that the only NICHOLS he recalled throughout his technical contacts was the NICHOLS associated with the Fort Pitt Steel Casting Company at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Further, that this NICHOLS had been connected with the above concern for a great number of years.

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A review of the 1934 and 1935 Steel Directory revealed the name of T. J. NICHOLS as vice-president in charge of operations, Fort Pitt Steel Casting Company, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as the aforementioned NICHOLS was with instant company during 1935 and since the unknown subject was presumably located at East Rutherford, New Jersey in 1935, no lead is being set out to further identify T. J. NICHOLS.

BRIGGS, according to DONALDSON, also advised that he (BRIGGS) did not know of any NICHOLS to be a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy or of the American Society for Metals.

For the information of the New Haven Office, THOMAS L. BLACK, admitted Soviet agent, was instructed by his superior, PAUL PETERSEN, in about 1935 to locate one NICHOLS (phonetic), in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and re-establish contact. PETERSEN described NICHOLS as a metallurgist and a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology who had previously given valuable information to the Soviets. NICHOLS has a hobby of microscopy and may have tutored Russian students at MIT. Subject's name is phonetic and BLACK made no contact.

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At Bramford, Connecticut

Will, through established sources of information, obtain background information on E. J. NICHOLS, Secretary, Malleable Iron Fittings Company in 1945, to determine if he is identical with the unknown subject.

PITTSBURGH

At Blawnox, Pennsylvania

Will, through established sources of information, obtain background information on W. H. NICHOLS, vice-president, Pittsburgh Rolls Division, Blawnox Corporation, to determine if he is identical with the unknown subject.

Reference: Newark letter to Bureau 6-28-51.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Details: At Cleveland, Ohio

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1951

FROM : *OY* SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: UNSUB; wa Nichols
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-59395)

Re Newark letter to Bureau 6/28/51.
Pittsburgh letter to Bureau 7/10/51.

The Pittsburgh Office is requested to review membership lists of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, 1010 Empire Building, Pittsburgh, for the period from 1930 to 1940 to ascertain if unsub may have been a member of instant organization.

It will be noted that unsub was described as a metallurgist, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and interested in microscopy. Unsub allegedly resided in East Rutherford, N. J., in 1935.

Pittsburgh requested to obtain any leads available from a review of the above records, which might assist in identifying unsub.

The above lead inadvertently omitted from Newark letter to Bureau 6/28/51.

Inasmuch as Newark letter 6/28/51 contains a summary of all known information re unsub, no previous correspondence re this case has been designated for Pittsburgh.

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Suspect ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS interviewed 7/24/51. NICHOLS advised he was born 11/4/95, as ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLSKY in Warsaw, Poland. He attended the Russian Naval Academy 1911 to 1915. He was Lieutenant in Russian Imperial Navy and at time of Communist revolution in October 1917 he was forced to flee to Vladivostok, Siberia. At that time Vladivostok was controlled by the Provisional Government headed by ALEXANDER KERENSKY. NICHOLS stated that the United States recognized KERENSKY'S Provisional Government. Suspect NICHOLS came to the U. S. in August 1918 through the assistance of the Provisional Government and was employed by the US Fuel Administrator and delivered lectures to Russian miners in Pennsylvania. NICHOLS returned to Vladivostok in October 1919 under a diplomatic passport issued by the Russian Embassy in Washington D. C. NICHOLS was instructed to help lead the fight against the Communists. When capture of Vladivostok by the Communists appeared imminent NICHOLS returned to the U. S. He attended MIT from 1920-22 and received a degree in electrical engineering. During pertinent period 1930-38 NICHOLS advised that he resided at Beechhurst, Long Island, New York. NICHOLS advised that he never lived in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and that he is not interested in metallurgy nor has he a hobby of microscopes. He denied that he has ever been contacted by the Soviets. Metallurgical Societies and trade associations in NY area contacted with

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negative results for any information on an individual named NICHOLS who resided in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

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DETAILS:

ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS was interviewed on July 24, 1951, at his place of employment at New York City Board of Education, 131 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. NICHOLS furnished the following information concerning himself.

He stated that he was born November 4, 1895 in Warsaw, Poland (then Russian territory) as ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLSKY, the son of GEORGE and ANNE NICHOLSKY. He stated that his father was an official of the Czarist Imperial Regime and at the time of his birth was Chief Collector of Customs in Warsaw. He further stated that both his grandfather and Uncle were Generals in the Russian Imperial Army. He added that the other member of his immediate family was a brother, NICHOLAS, who died in New York City in September 1950. He stated that NICHOLAS was a farmer and had a farm in up-state New York. NICHOLS advised that he has never married.

NICHOLS stated that he attended the Russian Naval Academy from 1911 to 1915 and upon completion was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Russian Imperial Navy. He advised that he served in the Russian Navy until November 1917 at which time the Communists seized control of the Russian fleet and he was forced to go into hiding.

He explained that in the Spring of 1917 the so-called KERENSKY revolution took place and a Provisional Government was set up which was recognized by the United States. According to NICHOLS the Provisional Government, headed by KERENSKY, did not interfere with the operations of the Navy with the result that most of the officers remained at the same post they held under the Czarist Regime. The Officer Corp of the Imperial Navy in turn was loyal to the Provisional Government.

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However, in the October Revolution the Communists seized power and succeeded in killing about fifty percent of the officers and gained control of the Navy. NICHOLS stated that at the time of the October Revolution he was in the Baltic Sea and after the fleet mutinied he fled to St. Petersburg (Leningrad) where he stayed with an uncle until February 1918. He stated that he then went to Vladivostok which was then under the control of the Provisional Government. He further stated that the country was in a state of chaos and he was able to travel from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok without too much difficulty as he wore civilian clothes.

NICHOLS stated that a short time after he was in Vladivostok he left for the United States. He advised that he was able to come to the United States through the efforts of the Provisional Government who granted him a passport. NICHOLS stated that he came to the United States from Vladivostok by way of Japan and entered the United States from San Francisco in August 1918. He stated that he went directly to Washington D. C. where he was appointed a member of the United States Fuel Administration. He indicated that he obtained this position through the Russian Embassy in Washington D. C. His duties consisted of visiting the mine fields of Pennsylvania and delivering lectures to the Russian miners. He explained that at that time (September 1918) the allies were desperately in need of coal and absenteeism had set in among the Russian miners who would only work when they needed money. He advised that this position lasted until the armistice in November 1918, at which time he was employed in the Russian Embassy, Washington D. C., as an aide, and his duties consisted of deciphering coded messages.

In May 1919 the Russian Embassy ordered him to return to Vladivostok and he arrived in Japan in June 1919 under a diplomatic passport issued by the Russian Provisional Government. He stated that he was forced to stay a few months in Japan undergoing surgery and finally arrived in Vladivostok in October 1919.

NICHOLS advised that at that time Vladivostok was still in control of the Provisional Government and the United States had sent a expeditionary force to Vladivostok under General GRAVES, to fight the Bolsheviks. He advised that he was under instructions to work his way into the interior of Siberia and help lead the forces who were fighting the Communists. He stated that he went to Omsk

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and Krasnoyrsk and remained there for a few months until the Communists seized control, at which time he returned to Vladivostok. Due to the continued success of the Communist Forces and Communist demonstrations in Vladivostok he left there in February 1920 aboard a Russian troop ship and went to Japan. He then returned to the United States on a diplomatic passport via the Panama Canal and arrived at New Orleans in June 1920.

NICHOLS stated that in October 1920 he entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology through the assistance of the Russian Provisional Government. He explained that a fund had been set up by the Provisional Government and was used to send individuals like himself to school. NICHOLS stated that he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1920 to 1922 and received a degree in electrical engineering. He was then employed by the Public Service Company, Newark, New Jersey from 1922 to 1926. He stated that while working for Public Service he lived at Summit, Orange, Hoboken, and Newark, all in New Jersey.

From 1926 to 1934 he stated he was employed as General Manager by de Botherat Impeller Company, Park Avenue, New York. He stated that this company manufactured ventilating equipment, such as fans and blowers. During this period of employment he resided at Beechhurst, Long Island, New York, with NICHOLAS de TRANSEHE. He added that he has lived with NICHOLAS de TRANSEHE and his wife since 1926 at Beechhurst, Long Island, and at 32 East 58th Street, New York City. He advised that de TRANSEHE was also a former officer in the Russian Imperial Navy.

NICHOLS stated that in 1935 he went to work for the Department of Parks, New York City, as a Senior Draftsman. He stated that this work came under the supervision of the Works Progress Administration and he remained with the Department of Parks until 1939. In 1939 he went to work for the Department of Public Works, New York City, as an electrical engineer and remained there until 1944, at which time he assumed his present position as an assistant mechanical engineer at the New York City Board of Education, Brooklyn, New York.

NICHOLS stated that he filed a Declaration of Intention to Become a United States Citizen on August 21, 1922, at Boston, Massachusetts, and was naturalized on June 30, 1926, in the United States District Court, Newark, New Jersey.

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NICHOLS advised that he has no interest in metallurgy and does not have a hobby of microscopes. He added that he does not own a microscope nor has he ever been interested in the study of microscopy. He further advised that he has never lived in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

NICHOLS stated that he has never been contacted by any representative of the Soviet Government and he believes that the Soviets would not contact him. He expressed the belief that the Soviets have a pretty good idea as to whom they should contact and who would be reliable. He stated that due to his past record as an officer in the Russian Imperial Navy and since his family was prominent during the Czarist Regime the Russians would not attempt to contact him. He stated that he is violently anti-Communist and would not have done anything to harm the United States.

The following institutions were contacted in an effort to ascertain the identity of Unknown Subject NICHOLS of East Rutherford, New Jersey. The records of the following institutions were checked through all variations of the name of NICHOLS.

Miss D. TOWNSEND, Administrative Assistant, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, 29 West 39th Street, New York City, advised on July 25, 1951, that the records of their institute failed to reflect any member by the name of NICHOLS who ever resided at East Rutherford, New Jersey. Miss TOWNSEND stated that they have approximately twenty-two thousand members and that there are about fifty members whose names correspond with the Unknown Subject; however, none of these individuals had ever resided at East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Mr. HARRY WADSWORTH, Industrial Relations Manager, American Iron and Steel Institute, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised on July 25, 1951, that his organization had no record of any individual named NICHOLS who ever resided at East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Mr. ROBERT L. ZIEGFELD, Secretary-Treasurer, Metal Powder Association, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, advised on July 25, 1951, that the Metal Powder Association is a trade association and the only members of this association are corporations. Consequently, he added that they had no record on any individuals.

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Colonel DONALD M. LIDDELL, Secretary, Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, 11 Broadway, New York City, advised on July 25, 1951, that he had no record of any individual by the name of NICHOLS from East Rutherford, New Jersey, who was a member of the Metallurgical Society of America.

Inquiry at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, reflected that the New York Microscopical Society holds meetings there twice a month and that one Mr. IRVING BANNER, 635 Greenwich Street is Secretary of this Society. Inquiry at 635 Greenwich Street reflected that Mr. BANNER was presently out of town and would return in about a week.

In connection with the Electro-Chemical Society, Inc., 462 First Street, New York City, it will be noted that this address is non-existent. A check of the telephone directories of the New York area failed to reflect any record of this society.

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NEW YORK

At White Plains, New York:

Will conduct investigation concerning ARTHUR NICHOLAS, 19 Gedney Terrace, White Plains, New York, to determine his background, employment and residence in 1935.

At New York, New York:

Will review the records of the New York Microscopical Society, American Museum of Natural History. These records are maintained by Mr. IRVING BANNER, 635 Greenwich Street, New York.

REFERENCE: Bureau letters to Newark dated May 25, 1951, and June 14, 1951.

Newark letter to Bureau dated June 28, 1951.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE AUG 6 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/3, 24, 25/51	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, NICHOLS, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Suspect ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLS interviewed 7/24/51. NICHOLS advised he was born 11/4/95, as ALEXANDER GEORGE NICHOLSKY in Warsaw, Poland. He attended the Russian Naval Academy 1911 to 1915. He was Lieutenant in Russian Imperial Navy and at time of Communist revolution in October 1917 he was forced to flee to Vladivostok, Siberia. At that time Vladivostok was controlled by the Provisional Government headed by ALEXANDER KERENSKY. NICHOLS stated that the United States recognized KERENSKY'S Provisional Government. Suspect NICHOLS came to the U. S. in August 1918 through the assistance of the Provisional Government and was employed by the US Fuel Administrator and delivered lectures to Russian miners in Pennsylvania. NICHOLS returned to Vladivostok in October 1919 under a diplomatic passport issued by the Russian Embassy in Washington D. C. NICHOLS was instructed to help lead the fight against the Communists. When capture of Vladivostok by the Communists appeared imminent NICHOLS returned to the U. S. He attended MIT from 1920-22 and received a degree in electrical engineering. During pertinent period 1930-38 NICHOLS advised that he resided at Beechhurst, Long Island, New York. NICHOLS advised that he never lived in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and that he is not interested in metallurgy nor has he a hobby of microscopes. He denied that he has ever been contacted by the Soviets. Metallurgical Societies and trade associations in NY area contacted with

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DATE: August 13, 1951

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Rerep of SA FREDERICK L. EDWARDS, Cleveland, 7/16/51 and Newark letter to Director, 7/25/51.

Mr. JACK LEONARD, Personnel Officer, Blaw Knox Co., Farmers Bank Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that W. H. NICHOLS was formerly a Vice President with the Pittsburgh Rolls Division of the Blaw Knox Corporation. He said, however, that NICHOLS is now retired, having served for approximately 45 years with the Pittsburgh Rolls Division. He stated that NICHOLS began his employment on February 3, 1886 and that he was born on October 25, 1867. Mr. LEONARD advised that he had no further information concerning any education on the part of NICHOLS.

Mr. P. M. FLEMING, President, Pittsburgh Rolls Division, Blaw Knox Corporation, 41st and Willow Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that W. H. NICHOLS was a practical foundryman and not in the strictest sense a metallurgist. He further stated that W. H. NICHOLS never attended any school of higher learning and further that NICHOLS was working with the Pittsburgh Rolls Division during the period 1930 to 1940.

Mr. T. J. ESS, Manager Director of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, 1010 Empire Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that his association does not maintain membership rosters for the years 1930 to 1940. Mr. ESS did make available applications for membership in the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers by individuals named NICHOLS during the period 1930 to 1940. A review of these applications failed to reflect the name of any individual named NICHOLS who resided or worked in New Jersey or in the New England States.

Mr. INGBOLD MADSEN, Associate Editor of the IRON AND STEEL ENGINEER, publication of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, advised that he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the 1930s but that he was unable to recall any instructor at MIT by the name of NICHOLS. RUC

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; NICHOLS, wa., East Rutherford, N.J.; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JASPER N. NICHOLS, age 68, East Rutherford, N.J., presently employed Thomas Edison Co., West Orange, N.J. as unskilled laborer since 1940; was unemployed and on WPA 1932-1940. GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON, age 53, East Rutherford, N.J., reportedly presently employed Merkel and Co., Union City, N.J. as assistant office manager. Local utility records of no value in attempting to identify unknown subject. Results of review of city and telephone directories set out and names of additional individuals named NICHOLS set forth. Additional leads set out.

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DETAILS:

THOMAS L. BLACK, known espionage agent, was reinterviewed 4/4/51 for any supplemental information he might possess regarding unknown subject. BLACK repeated that at no time had he ever met this individual. He had the impression that NICHOLS may have tutored Russian students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and had some recollection of having located the subject's name in a Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory.

BLACK had previously stated that in approximately 1935 he was instructed by his Soviet superior PAUL PETERSEN to locate a man named NICHOLS (phonetic), who lived in East Rutherford, N.J. PETERSEN told BLACK that NICHOLS was a metallurgist who had graduated from M.I.T., had a hobby of microscopy and had previously furnished valuable information to the Soviets.

BLACK made no serious effort to locate NICHOLS beyond looking in a current Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory and city

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directory maintained in the public library. BLACK advised PETERSEN at their next meeting that he was unable to locate NICHOLS whereupon PETERSEN said he was certain that NICHOLS was in East Rutherford, N.J. and that he would handle the assignment in some other manner. BLACK heard no more of the incident and never contacted NICHOLS.

A review of M.I.T. records reflected only one person as being possibly identical with the unknown subject. This individual is ALEX GEORGE NICHOLS, also known as NICHOLSKY, 32 East 58 St., N.Y.C., presently employed by the N.Y.C. Board of Education. By letter 5/25/51 the Bureau authorized interview of ALEXANDER NICHOLS.

A review of M.I.T. records further disclosed that no records are available of those individuals who tutored during the pertinent period.

JOHN KLEMM, assistant manager sub-office, Public Service Gas and Electric Co., Rutherford, N.J., advised all accounts of this company are filed by street address and not by name and that approximately 8000 accounts were carried by this company for East Rutherford, N.J. in 1935.

THEODORE ZANDER, Hackensack, N.J. Water Co., 245 Park Ave., East Rutherford, N.J., advised that all records of this company are also filed by street address, not alphabetically and by name, and that this company carried approximately 9000 accounts for the Borough of East Rutherford in 1935. ZANDER further stated this company maintains no applications past seven years of age.

At the Rutherford, N.J. Public Library, it was ascertained that no city directories were published for East Rutherford and Rutherford, N.J. from 1931 through 1945.

The 1930-1931 Polk's City Directory for East Rutherford, N.J., does not list anyone named NICHOLS. Instant directory lists the following names similar to NICHOLS:

FRANK NICHOLAS
Teacher, Public School
10 Crittenton St.

GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, Butcher
Wife - EMMA J. NICHOLSON
130 Orchard St.

Instant directory lists the following individuals for Rutherford, N.J.

ALBERT B. NICHOLS, Carpenter
Wife - LILLIAN
382 Park Ave.

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ANNA J. NICHOLS, Stenographer
230 Union Ave.

CHARLES S. NICHOLS
Civil Engineer, N.Y.C.
Wife - SOPHIA T. NICHOLS
76 Sylvan Ave.

CLARK H. NICHOLS, Fireman
Wife - AGNES
336 Feronia Way

WARD W. NICHOLS
Architectural Engineer at
Long Island.
230 Union Ave.

WILLIAM L. NICHOLS
Laboratory
Wife - EMMA
39 Meadow Road

ALEX NICOL
Box maker in N.Y.
Wife - ADA
207 Donaldson

ROBERT H. NICOL
Wife - MAYBELLE E. NICOL
63 East Pierrepont Ave.

The 1946 Price and Lee City Directory for East Rutherford, N.J., reflects only one individual named NICHOLS residing therein.

ANNA NICHOLS, Machine Operator
135 Humboldt

The above directory lists the following individuals in Rutherford, N.J., who were also included in the above mentioned 1930-1931 Polk's City Directory:

ALBERT B. NICHOLS, Carpenter
Wife - LILLIAN E. NICHOLS
384 Park Ave.

ANNA J. NICHOLS,
Stenographer in New York
230 Union Ave.

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WILLIAM NICHOLS
Wife - EMMA
96 Meadow Road

The Passaic-Bergen County N.J. Telephone Directory for 1934 listed the following individuals in East Rutherford, N.J.:

Mrs. JASPER NICHOLS
77 Carlton Avenue

Miss V. G. NICHOLS
77 Carlton Avenue

G. N. NICHOLSON
186 Boiling Springs Ave.

R. NICOLETTE
407 Paterson Ave.

Instant telephone directory lists the following individuals for Rutherford, N.J.:

A. B. NICHOLS
384 Park Ave.

J. B. NICHOLS
318 Montross Ave.

S. W. NICHOLS
74 Meadow Road

E. B. NICHOLSON,
Dr., Osteopath
41 Ridge Road

L. N. NICHOLSON
21 West Van Ness Ave.

F. M. NICKERSON
114 Maple Ave.

Mrs. A. NICOL
207 Donaldson

ROBERT H. NICOL
63 East Pierrepont Ave.

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Mrs. A. NICOLAI
233 Woodland Ave.

F. V. NICOLAI
26 Spring Dell

It will be noted that informant THOMAS BLACK stated that he had some recollection of locating the unknown subject in a Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory for the pertinent period which he stated was about 1935.

The 1935 Passaic-Bergen Telephone Directory for East Rutherford, N.J., lists the same individuals as set out in the 1934 telephone directory above.

Instant directory also lists these same individuals for Rutherford, N.J. in 1935 with the exception of F. M. NICKERSON, 114 Maple Ave., whose name is not contained in the 1935 telephone directory.

It will be noted that it has been previously reported in this case that the names of JASPER NICHOLS and J. N. NICHOLSON were shown in the 1935 East Rutherford, N.J. Telephone Directories. It appears that the latter name was carried erroneously and should appear as G. N. NICHOLSON.

PAUL ARMSTRONG, manager, Passaic-Bergen Credit Bureau, Paterson, N.J., advised that records of instant bureau are not retained after ten years use. A review of these records reflected the following information:

JASPER L. NICHOLS

Wife - LOIS

Reports dated 12/8/41 and 8/15/49

Former Address - 77 Carlton Ave.

East Rutherford, N.J.

Present Address - 49 Boiling Springs Ave.

East Rutherford, N.J.

Employment - Thomas Edison Co.

Dept. #4977

In report dated 4/26/51, the above individual's employment was reflected as Orchard Brothers, 67 Meadow Rd., Rutherford, N.J., and his wife's name was given as LYNN NICHOLS.

ALBERT B. NICHOLS

Wife - LILLIAN

Report dated 10/29/49

Residence - 384 Park Ave.

Rutherford, N.J.

Business - Building Contractor

Age - 33 years

Race - White

Marital Status - Married with two children

Resided at aforementioned address for thirty years. Self-employed in general carpentry. Wife employed Medical Economics, 210 Orchard St., East Rutherford, N.J., 5½ years.

SAMUEL NICHOLS

In a report dated 2/18/49, this individual was described as retired and residing 74 Meadow Road, Rutherford, N.J.

Records of instant Credit Bureau contain no information regarding the following individuals:

G. N. NICHOLSON
J. B. NICHOLS
CHARLES S. NICHOLS
J. N. NICHOLSON
R. NICOLETTE
ARTHUR NICHOLS
F. NICHOLS
RAYMOND NICHOLS.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, Inc., Newark, N.J., contain a report dated 11/5/47 regarding GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, 134 Orchard St., East Rutherford, N.J. This file reflects NICHOLSON was forty-nine years old, white, married to EMMA JANE NICHOLSON and had two children. He had resided at the above address twelve years as of the date of this report. He was reportedly employed as assistant manager of the Union City, N.J. office of Merkal and Co., whose principal office is located at Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y. He was said to be affiliated with instant company for ten years; 1938 to the present year.

The files of this credit bureau contain no information on any of the other individuals mentioned above.

WILLIAM DE NIKE, Borough Clerk, East Rutherford, N.J., advised he has no records reflecting all the residences of East Rutherford, N.J. in any one year. He stated that current election records reflect the name of JASPER NICHOLS, 77 Carlton Ave., East Rutherford, N.J., but contain no other name similar to NICHOLS or NICHOLSON. DE NIKE stated JASPER NICHOLS is an elderly town resident and was formerly on W.P.A. but stated that he did not know much about him. DE NIKE said he knows no one named J. N. NICHOLSON or G. N. NICHOLSON.

East Rutherford, N.J. Police Department, stated JASPER NICHOLS has lived in this city for many years, is presently in his sixties and is believed to be retired. NICHOLS formerly ran a Ford sales agency here and is not well educated according to Chief THOMACK.

Records of the Bergen County Board of Elections, Hackensack, N.J., contain no information regarding J. N. NICHOLSON, East Rutherford, N.J. These records do reflect the following names:

~~GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON~~

134 Orchard St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Native Born
First registered to vote 11/5/40
from above address.
Voted 1942-1950.

~~JASPER NICHOLS, SR.~~

77 Carlton Ave.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Native Born
First registered to vote 11/5/40
Voted 1941-1950

WILLIAM WINDECKER, Personnel Department, Thomas A. Edison Co., West Orange, N.J., furnished the personnel file on JASPER NICHOLS, which reflected the following information:

Name:

~~JASPER NICHOLS~~

Address:

77 Carlton Ave.

East Rutherford, N.J.

(owns home)

1/15/83 - New York City

Schenectady, N.Y.

Boston, Mass.

Marital Status:

Married - Wife, LOIS

Four children

Height:

5' 7"

Weight:

155 lbs.

Education:

Grade School
Rutherford, N.J., 1891-1899;
YMCA Business School

One year - Stenography;

(International Correspondence School,
Scranton, Pa.)

Hobby:

Flowers

Previous Employment:

6/1900 - 2/1910

JOSEPH WILD

Fifth Ave. and 35 St.

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New York City
Stenographer and Stock clerk

3/1910 - 2/1913
Continental Felt Co.
Broadway and 18 St.
N.Y.C.
Salesman

2/1913 - 7/1932
L. O. Thompson Co.
37 St. and Madison Ave.
N.Y.C.
Office Manager -
Business discontinued

1932 - 1940
Unemployed W.P.A.

1940 to date
Thomas A. Edison Co.
Machine Operator
RAYMOND O'BRIEN
27 Walnut St.
Rutherford, N.J.
Chemist - U.S. Rubber

ALFRED JENSEN
1 Circuita Ave.
Rutherford, N.J.
Office Manager - American Radiator

JOSEPH POLECASTRO
Court Clerk
District Court
East Rutherford, N.J.

JOSEPH JESSON
400 Central Ave.
Carlstadt, N.J.
Public Service Employee

NICHOLS' personnel file contained an affidavit of birth signed on his behalf by ANNA D. QUATT, 1089 Greenwood Blvd., Schenectady, N.J., in which she claimed to be NICHOLS' cousin, and stated that his true name was JASPER NICHOLS, JR., and stated he was born on or about 1/15/83 at N.Y.C.

It will be noted there is no indication in NICHOLS' personnel file that he ever attended M.I.T. Moreover, WILLIAM WINDECKER advised that NICHOLS' job was unskilled labor.

In an effort to establish whether any individuals named NICHOLS resided in East Rutherford, N.J. in 1935, who were not listed in telephone directories, records of the East Rutherford, N.J. High School were reviewed. Records of students named NICHOLS reflected the following information:

CHARLES NICHOLS
135 Humboldt St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 3/2/30
Graduated - 6/11/47
Father - RAYMOND NICHOLS
Mother - ANNA NICHOLS

LOREN NICHOLS
77 Carlton Ave.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 3/7/16
Entered - 2/1/31
Dropped - 4/10/33
Parent - J. N. NICHOLS

MARIAN NICHOLS
173 Main St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Entered 9/8/24
Born 8/24/09
Parent - ARTHUR NICHOLS

DURAND NICHOLS
14 Jane St.
Entered - 9/1922
Dropped - 4/24/- (year not given)
Due to change of address
Parent - F. NICHOLS

NEIL GUSTAVE NICHOLSON
134 Orchard St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 3/25/32
Father - GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, born Switzerland
Occupation - Butcher
Mother - EMMA JANE NICHOLSON - Housewife
Attended School - 1946 - 1949

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LAVERNE CEIL NICHOLSON
134 Orchard St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 7/28/29
Father - GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, American
Butcher
Mother - EMMA NICHOLSON, American
Housewife

Mr. GEORGE DIERWACHTER, Principal instant High School, stated he has lived in East Rutherford, N.J. for twenty-five years and does not know JASPER NICHOLS or GUSTAVE NICHOLSON.

With regard to RAYMOND NICHOLS, aforementioned, Mrs. LOUISE LOWRY, 135 Humboldt St., East Rutherford, N.J., advised she is RAYMOND NICHOLS' sister-in-law. She stated that he deserted his family in 1931, at which time he left this vicinity, and his present whereabouts are unknown.

With regard to ARTHUR NICHOLS, aforementioned, Mrs. CHARLES WERNER, 166 Main St., East Rutherford, N.J., stated he formerly lived in this neighborhood but moved out by 1931 at the latest.

With regard to F. NICHOLS, aforementioned, no investigation was undertaken since school records reflect his child attended instant school in 1922, and there are no indications he resided in East Rutherford, N.J. in 1935.

The aforementioned J. N. NICHOLS and GUSTAVE NICHOLSON have already been identified.

Investigation determined that GUSTAVE NICHOLSON had never attended M.I.T.

Previous investigation reflected that unknown subject was a metallurgist, a graduate of M.I.T. and had a hobby of microscopy.

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[REDACTED] East Rutherford, N.J. Police Department, advised that one ASHLEY B. THOMPSON, 287 Randolph Ave., East Rutherford, N.J., who had resided in this town for many years, is a metallurgist and an active member of the American Society of Metals.

ASHLEY B. THOMPSON advised he has resided and worked in this area as a metallurgist for twenty-five years and is also a member of the N.J. Chapter of the American Society of Metals. THOMPSON stated he does not know anyone in this area named NICHOLS or NICHOLSON who is a metallurgist.

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The National Research Council Bulletin #115 dated April, 1948, lists the following metallurgical societies and microscopical societies:

1. American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, 29 West 39 St., N.Y.
2. American Iron and Steel Institute, 350 Fifth Ave., N.Y.
3. American Microscopical Society, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
4. American Society of Metals, 7301 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
5. Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, 1010 Empire Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Electro Chemical Society, Inc., 463 First St., N.Y.
7. Metal Powder Association, 420 Lexington Ave., N.Y.
8. Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, Room 966, 11 Broadway, N.J.
9. New York Microscopical Society, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79 St., N.Y.
10. Non-Ferrous Ingot Metal Institute, West Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
11. Steel Founders Society of America, 920 Midland Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Investigation reflects that of the above organizations, only one has a chapter located in New Jersey. This is the American Society of Metals, which has a local chapter at 246 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, N.J. RICHARD W. THORNE, Treasurer of instant organization, stated he has no membership records prior to 1941. A list of current members of instant society reflects the name WILLIAM HENRY NIKOLA, 151 Woodland Ave., Rutherford, N.J., as being a member. NIKOLA is described as being employed at Westinghouse Electric Corp., Jersey City, N.J.

Mr. E. C. DONEY, Personnel Manager, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Jersey City, N.J., produced personnel file of WILLIAM HENRY NIKOLA which reflects he was born 8/15/16, and inasmuch as NIKOLA would have been only nineteen years of age in 1935, he is not being considered as a suspect in this case.

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The following individuals because of their residence, employment or other factors as indicated, will be investigated as to their identity, background and residence in 1935 to determine if they could be identical with unknown subject:

WARD W. NICHOLS
230 Union Ave.
Rutherford, N.J.

It will be noted the 1931 city directory lists WARD W. NICHOLS residing at the above address. He is described as an architectural engineer at Long Island. A Miss A. J. NICHOLS is listed at the above address in the current Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory. A possibility exists that WARD W. NICHOLS is related to her. A Miss ANNA J. NICHOLS is likewise listed at instant address in the 1930-1931 and 1946 city directories wherein she is described as a stenographer and notary public in N.Y.

J. B. NICHOLS
318 Montross Ave.
Rutherford, N.J.

This individual is listed in the 1934, 1935, 1936 Rutherford, N.J. telephone directories but is not listed in current telephone directories.

WILLIAM NICHOLS or
WILLIAM L. NICHOLS
39 or 96 Meadow Road
Rutherford, N.J.

This individual is listed in the 1930-1931 and 1946 city directories. His wife's name is given as EMMA, and his occupation as "laboratory".

Current telephone directories list a W. NICHOLS at 96 Meadow Rd., Rutherford, N.J., telephone Rutherford 2-1885-M.

S. W. NICHOLS or
SAMUEL NICHOLS
74 Meadow Road
Rutherford, N.J.

It is not known whether this S. W. NICHOLS is married to or identical with SAMUEL NICHOLS, aforementioned. Credit records reflect a SAMUEL NICHOLS of Rutherford, N.J. as being retired. S. W. NICHOLS is listed in current Rutherford, N.J. telephone directories.

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CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Will review membership records of the Non-Ferrous Ingot Metal Institute, West Washington St., for the period 1930 to 1940 to ascertain if unknown subject may have been a member of instant organization and set out any leads obtained from this review which might assist in identifying unknown subject. (Previously set out by letter 6/28/51.)

DETROIT OFFICE

AT ANN ARBOR, MICH.

Will conduct investigation as requested above at the American Microscopical Society, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan. (Previously set out by letter 6/28/51.)

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

Will conduct the same investigation requested of Chicago and Detroit at the following:

American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers,
29 West 39 St., N.Y.

American Iron and Steel Institute, 350 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

Electro Chemical Society, Inc., 463 First St., N.Y.

Metal Powder Association, 420 Lexington Ave., N.Y.

Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, Room 966
11 Broadway, N.J.

New York Microscopical Society, American Museum of Natural
History, Central Park West at 79 St., N.Y.

(Previously set out by letter 6/28/51.)

Will review indices, check credit and police department records to

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Obtain available background information on WARD W. NICHOLS, ANNA J. NICHOLS and GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON.

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will conduct investigation similar to that requested of Chicago, Detroit and New York at the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, 1010 Empire Building.

NEWARK OFFICE

AT RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Will conduct investigation to identify and secure background on WARD W. NICHOLS, J. B. NICHOLS, WILLIAM NICHOLS and S. W. NICHOLS.

AT UNION CITY, N.J.

Will review employment records of GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON at Merkel and Co.

Copies of this report have been designated for Boston, New Haven and Philadelphia for information in view of investigation conducted by those offices in this case.

A copy of this report has been designated for the Washington Field Office, which is handling investigation of PAUL PETERSEN, who was the Soviet superior of informant THOMAS L. BLACK.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Newark dated 4/19/51.

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; NICHOLS, wa., East Rutherford, N.J.; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>JASPER N. NICHOLS, age 68, East Rutherford, N.J., presently employed Thomas Edison Co., West Orange, N.J. as unskilled laborer since 1940; was unemployed and on WPA 1932-1940; GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON, age 53, East Rutherford, N.J., reportedly presently employed Merkel and Co., Union City, N.J. as assistant office manager. Local utility records of no value in attempting to identify unknown subject. Results of review of city and telephone directories set out and names of additional individuals named NICHOLS set forth. Additional leads set out.</p>	
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DETAILS:	<p>THOMAS L. BLACK, known espionage agent, was reinterviewed 4/4/51 for any supplemental information he might possess regarding unknown subject. BLACK repeated that at no time had he ever met this individual. He had the impression that NICHOLS may have tutored Russian students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and had some recollection of having located the subject's name in a Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory.</p> <p>BLACK had previously stated that in approximately 1935 he was instructed by his Soviet superior PAUL PETERSEN to locate a man named NICHOLS (phonetic), who lived in East Rutherford, N.J. PETERSEN told BLACK that NICHOLS was a metallurgist who had graduated from M.I.T., had a hobby of microscopy and had previously furnished valuable information to the Soviets.</p> <p>BLACK made no serious effort to locate NICHOLS beyond looking in a current Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory and city</p>		
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directory maintained in the public library. BLACK advised PETERSEN at their next meeting that he was unable to locate NICHOLS whereupon PETERSEN said he was certain that NICHOLS was in East Rutherford, N.J. and that he would handle the assignment in some other manner. BLACK heard no more of the incident and never contacted NICHOLS.

A review of M.I.T. records reflected only one person as being possibly identical with the unknown subject. This individual is ALEX GEORGE NICHOLS, also known as NICHOLSKY, 32 East 58 St., N.Y.C., presently employed by the N.Y.C. Board of Education. By letter 5/25/51 the Bureau authorized interview of ALEXANDER NICHOLS.

A review of M.I.T. records further disclosed that no records are available of those individuals who tutored during the pertinent period.

JOHN KLEMM, assistant manager sub-office, Public Service Gas and Electric Co., Rutherford, N.J., advised all accounts of this company are filed by street address and not by name and that approximately 8000 accounts were carried by this company for East Rutherford, N.J. in 1935.

THEODORE ZANDER, Hackensack, N.J. Water Co., 245 Park Ave., East Rutherford, N.J., advised that all records of this company are also filed by street address, not alphabetically and by name, and that this company carried approximately 9000 accounts for the Borough of East Rutherford in 1935. ZANDER further stated this company maintains no applications past seven years of age.

At the Rutherford, N.J. Public Library, it was ascertained that no city directories were published for East Rutherford and Rutherford, N.J. from 1931 through 1945.

The 1930-1931 Polk's City Directory for East Rutherford, N.J., does not list anyone named NICHOLS. Instant directory lists the following names similar to NICHOLS:

FRANK NICHOLAS
Teacher, Public School
10 Crittentent St.

GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, Butcher
Wife - EMMA J. NICHOLSON
130 Orchard St.

Instant directory lists the following individuals for Rutherford, N.J.:

ALBERT B. NICHOLS, Carpenter
Wife - LILLIAN
332 Park Ave.

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ANNA J. NICHOLS, Stenographer
230 Union Ave.

CHARLES S. NICHOLS
Civil Engineer, N.Y.C.
Wife - SOPHIA T. NICHOLS
76 Sylvan Ave.

CLARK H. NICHOLS, Fireman
Wife - AGNES
336 Feronia Way

WARD W. NICHOLS
Architectural Engineer at
Long Island.
230 Union Ave.

WILLIAM L. NICHOLS
Laboratory
Wife - EMMA
39 Meadow Road

ALEX NICOL
Box maker in N.Y.
Wife - ADA
207 Donaldson

ROBERT H. NICOL
Wife - MAYBELLE E. NICOL
63 East Pierrepont Ave.

The 1946 Price and Lee City Directory for East Rutherford, N.J., reflects only one individual named NICHOLS residing therein.

ANNA NICHOLS, Machine Operator
135 Humboldt

The above directory lists the following individuals in Rutherford, N.J., who were also included in the above mentioned 1930-1931 Polk's City Directory:

ALBERT B. NICHOLS, Carpenter
Wife - LILLIAN E. NICHOLS
384 Park Ave.

ANNA J. NICHOLS,
Stenographer in New York
230 Union Ave.

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WILLIAM NICHOLS
Wife - EMMA
96 Meadow Road

The Passaic-Bergen County N.J. Telephone Directory for 1934 listed the following individuals in East Rutherford, N.J.:

Mrs. JASPER NICHOLS
77 Carlton Avenue

Miss V. G. NICHOLS
77 Carlton Avenue

G. N. NICHOLSON
186 Boiling Springs Ave.

R. NICOLETTE
407 Paterson Ave.

Instant telephone directory lists the following individuals for Rutherford, N.J.:

A. B. NICHOLS
384 Park Ave.

J. B. NICHOLS
313 Montross Ave.

S. W. NICHOLS
74 Meadow Road

E. B. NICHOLSON,
Dr., Osteopath
41 Ridge Road

L. N. NICHOLSON
21 West Van Ness Ave.

F. M. NICKERSON
114 Maple Ave.

Mrs. A. NICOL
207 Donaldson

ROBERT H. NICOL
63 East Pierrepont Ave.

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Mrs. A. NICOLAI
233 Woodland Ave.

F. V. NICOLAI
26 Spring Dell

It will be noted that informant THOMAS BLACK stated that he had some recollection of locating the unknown subject in a Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory for the pertinent period which he stated was about 1935.

The 1935 Passaic-Bergen Telephone Directory for East Rutherford, N.J., lists the same individuals as set out in the 1934 telephone directory above.

Instant directory also lists these same individuals for Rutherford, N.J. in 1935 with the exception of F. M. NICKERSON, 114 Maple Ave., whose name is not contained in the 1935 telephone directory.

It will be noted that it has been previously reported in this case that the names of JASPER NICHOLS and J. N. NICHOLSON were shown in the 1935 East Rutherford, N.J. Telephone Directories. It appears that the latter name was carried erroneously and should appear as G. N. NICHOLSON.

PAUL ARMSTRONG, manager, Passaic-Bergen Credit Bureau, Paterson, N.J., advised that records of instant bureau are not retained after ten years use. A review of these records reflected the following information:

JASPER L. NICHOLS

Wife - LOIS
Reports dated 12/8/41 and 8/15/49
Former Address - 77 Carlton Ave.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Present Address - 49 Boiling Springs Ave.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Employment - Thomas Edison Co.
Dept. #4977

In report dated 4/26/51, the above individual's employment was reflected as Orchard Brothers, 67 Meadow Rd., Rutherford, N.J., and his wife's name was given as LYNN NICHOLS.

ALBERT B. NICHOLS

Wife - LILLIAN
Report dated 10/29/49
Residence - 384 Park Ave.
Rutherford, N.J.

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Business - Building Contractor
Age - 33 years
Race - White
Marital Status - Married with two children
Resided at aforementioned address for thirty years. Self-employed in general carpentry. Wife employed Medical Economics, 210 Orchard St., East Rutherford, N.J., 5½ years.

SAMUEL NICHOLS

In a report dated 2/18/49, this individual was described as retired and residing 74 Meadow Road, Rutherford, N.J.

Records of instant Credit Bureau contain no information regarding the following individuals:

G. W. NICHOLSON
J. B. NICHOLS
CHARLES S. NICHOLS
J. N. NICHOLSON
R. NICCOLETTE
ARTHUR NICHOLS
F. NICHOLS
RAYMOND NICHOLS.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, Inc., Newark, N.J., contain a report dated 11/5/47 regarding GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, 134 Orchard St., East Rutherford, N.J. This file reflects NICHOLSON was forty-nine years old, white, married to EMMA JAE NICHOLSON and had two children. He had resided at the above address twelve years as of the date of this report. He was reportedly employed as assistant manager of the Union City, N.J. office of Merkel and Co., whose principal office is located at Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y. He was said to be affiliated with instant company for ten years; 1938 to the present year.

The files of this credit bureau contain no information on any of the other individuals mentioned above.

WILLIAM DE NIKE, Borough Clerk, East Rutherford, N.J., advised he has no records reflecting all the residences of East Rutherford, N.J. in any one year. He stated that current election records reflect the name of JASPER NICHOLS, 77 Carlton Ave., East Rutherford, N.J., but contain no other name similar to NICHOLS or NICHOLSON. DE NIKE stated JASPER NICHOLS is an elderly town resident and was formerly on W.P.A. but stated that he did not know much about him. DE NIKE said he knows no one named J. N. NICHOLSON or G. N. NICHOLSON.

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[REDACTED], East Rutherford, N.J. Police Department, stated JASPER NICHOLS has lived in this city for many years, is presently in his sixties and is believed to be retired. NICHOLS formerly ran a Ford sales agency here and is not well educated according to Chief THOMACK.

Records of the Bergen County Board of Elections, Hackensack, N.J., contain no information regarding J. N. NICHOLSON, East Rutherford, N.J. These records do reflect the following names:

GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON
134 Orchard St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Native Born
First registered to vote 11/5/40
from above address.
Voted 1942-1950.

JASPER NICHOLS, SR.
77 Carlton Ave.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Native Born
First registered to vote 11/5/40
Voted 1941-1950

WILLIAM WINDECKER, Personnel Department, Thomas A. Edison Co., West Orange, N.J., furnished the personnel file on JASPER NICHOLS, which reflected the following information:

Name:	JASPER NICHOLS
Address	77 Carlton Ave. East Rutherford, N.J. (owns home)
Born:	1/15/83 - New York City
Birth place, father:	Schenectady, N.Y.
Birth place, mother:	Boston, Mass.
Marital Status:	Married - Wife, LOIS Four children
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	155 lbs.
Education:	Grade School Rutherford, N.J., 1891-1899; YMCA Business School One year - Stenography; (International Correspondence School, Scranton, Pa.)
Hobby:	Flowers
Previous Employment:	6/1900 - 2/1910 JOSEPH WILD Fifth Ave. and 35 St.

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New York City
Stenographer and Stock clerk

3/1910 - 2/1913
Continental Felt Co.
Broadway and 18 St.
N.Y.C.
Salesman

2/1913 - 7/1932
L. O. Thompson Co.
37 St. and Madison Ave.
N.Y.C.
Office Manager -
Business discontinued

1932 - 1940
Unemployed W.P.A.

1940 to date
Thomas A. Edison Co.
Machine Operator
RAYMOND O'BRIEN
27 Walnut St.
Rutherford, N.J.
Chemist - U.S. Rubber

ALFRED JENSEN
1 Circuita Ave.
Rutherford, N.J.
Office Manager - American Radiator

JOSEPH POLECASTRO
Court Clerk
District Court
East Rutherford, N.J.

JOSEPH JESSON
100 Central Ave.
Carlstadt, N.J.
Public Service Employee

NICHOLS' personnel file contained an affidavit of birth signed on his behalf by ANNA D. QUAIL, 1089 Greenwood Blvd., Schenectady, N.J., in which she claimed to be NICHOLS' cousin, and stated that his true name was JASPER NICHOLS, JR., and stated he was born on or about 1/15/23 at N.Y.C.

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It will be noted there is no indication in NICHOLS' personnel file that he ever attended M.I.T. Moreover, WILLIAM WINDECKER advised that NICHOLS' job was unskilled labor.

In an effort to establish whether any individuals named NICHOLS resided in East Rutherford, N.J. in 1935, who were not listed in telephone directories, records of the East Rutherford, N.J. High School were reviewed. Records of students named NICHOLS reflected the following information:

CHARLES NICHOLS
135 Humboldt St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 3/2/30
Graduated - 6/11/47
Father - RAYMOND NICHOLS
Mother - ANNA NICHOLS

LOREN NICHOLS
77 Carlton Ave.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 3/7/16
Entered - 2/1/31
Dropped - 4/10/33
Parent - J. N. NICHOLS

MARIAN NICHOLS
173 Main St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Entered 9/8/24
Born 8/24/09
Parent - ARTHUR NICHOLS

DURAND NICHOLS
14 Jane St.
Entered - 9/1922
Dropped - 4/24/— (year not given)
Due to change of address
Parent - F. NICHOLS

NEIL GUSTAVE NICHOLSON
134 Orchard St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 3/25/32
Father - GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, born Switzerland
Occupation - Butcher
Mother - EMMA JANE NICHOLSON - Housewife
Attended School - 1946 - 1949

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LAVERNE CEIL NICHOLSON
134 Orchard St.
East Rutherford, N.J.
Born - 7/28/29
Father - GUSTAVE NICHOLSON, American
Butcher
Mother - EMMA NICHOLSON, American
Housewife

Mr. GEORGE DIERWACHTER, Principal instant High School, stated he has lived in East Rutherford, N.J. for twenty-five years and does not know JASPER NICHOLS or GUSTAVE NICHOLSON.

With regard to RAYMOND NICHOLS, aforementioned, Mrs. LOUISE LOWRY, 135 Humboldt St., East Rutherford, N.J., advised she is RAYMOND NICHOLS' sister-in-law. She stated that he deserted his family in 1931, at which time he left this vicinity, and his present whereabouts are unknown.

With regard to ARTHUR NICHOLS, aforementioned, Mrs. CHARLES WERNER, 166 Main St., East Rutherford, N.J., stated he formerly lived in this neighborhood but moved out by 1931 at the latest.

With regard to F. NICHOLS, aforementioned, no investigation was undertaken since school records reflect his child attended instant school in 1922, and there are no indications he resided in East Rutherford, N.J. in 1935.

The aforementioned J. N. NICHOLS and GUSTAVE NICHOLSON have already been identified.

Investigation determined that GUSTAVE NICHOLSON had never attended M.I.T.

Previous investigation reflected that unknown subject was a metallurgist, a graduate of M.I.T. and had a hobby of microscopy.

[REDACTED] East Rutherford, N.J. Police Department, advised that one ASHLEY B. THOMPSON, 287 Randolph Ave., East Rutherford, N.J., who had resided in this town for many years, is a metallurgist and an active member of the American Society of Metals.

ASHLEY B. THOMPSON advised he has resided and worked in this area as a metallurgist for twenty-five years and is also a member of the N.J. Chapter of the American Society of Metals. THOMPSON stated he does not know anyone in this area named NICHOLS or NICHOLSON who is a metallurgist.

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The National Research Council Bulletin #115 dated April, 1948, lists the following metallurgical societies and microscopical societies:

1. American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, 29 West 39 St., N.Y.
2. American Iron and Steel Institute, 350 Fifth Ave., N.Y.
3. American Microscopical Society, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
4. American Society of Metals, 7301 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
5. Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, 1010 Empire Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Electro Chemical Society, Inc., 463 First St., N.Y.
7. Metal Powder Association, 420 Lexington Ave., N.Y.
8. Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, Room 966, 11 Broadway, N.J.
9. New York Microscopical Society, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79 St., N.Y.
10. Non-Ferrous Ingot Metal Institute, West Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
11. Steel Founders Society of America, 920 Midland Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Investigation reflects that of the above organizations, only one has a chapter located in New Jersey. This is the American Society of Metals, which has a local chapter at 246 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, N.J. RICHARD W. THORNE, Treasurer of instant organization, stated he has no membership records prior to 1941. A list of current members of instant society reflects the name WILLIAM HENRY NIKOLA, 151 Woodland Ave., Rutherford, N.J., as being a member. NIKOLA is described as being employed at Westinghouse Electric Corp., Jersey City, N.J.

Mr. E. C. DONEY, Personnel Manager, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Jersey City, N.J., produced personnel file of WILLIAM HENRY NIKOLA which reflects he was born 8/15/16, and inasmuch as NIKOLA would have been only nineteen years of age in 1935, he is not being considered as a suspect in this case.

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The following individuals because of their residence, employment or other factors as indicated, will be investigated as to their identity, background and residence in 1935 to determine if they could be identical with unknown subject:

WARD W. NICHOLS
230 Union Ave.
Rutherford, N.J.

It will be noted the 1931 city directory lists WARD W. NICHOLS residing at the above address. He is described as an architectural engineer at Long Island. A Miss A. J. NICHOLS is listed at the above address in the current Rutherford, N.J. telephone directory. A possibility exists that WARD W. NICHOLS is related to her. A Miss ANNA J. NICHOLS is likewise listed at instant address in the 1930-1931 and 1946 city directories wherein she is described as a stenographer and notary public in N.Y.

J. B. NICHOLS
318 Montross Ave.
Rutherford, N.J.

This individual is listed in the 1934, 1935, 1936 Rutherford, N.J. telephone directories but is not listed in current telephone directories.

WILLIAM NICHOLS or
WILLIAM L. NICHOLS
39 or 96 Meadow Road
Rutherford, N.J.

This individual is listed in the 1930-1931 and 1946 city directories. His wife's name is given as ERMA, and his occupation as "laboratory".

Current telephone directories list a W. NICHOLS at 96 Meadow Rd., Rutherford, N.J., telephone Rutherford 2-1885-M.

S. W. NICHOLS or
SAMUEL NICHOLS
74 Meadow Road
Rutherford, N.J.

It is not known whether this S. W. NICHOLS is married to or identical with SAMUEL NICHOLS, aforementioned. Credit records reflect a SAMUEL NICHOLS of Rutherford, N.J. as being retired. S. W. NICHOLS is listed in current Rutherford, N.J. telephone directories.

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CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Will review membership records of the Non-Ferrous Ingot Metal Institute, West Washington St., for the period 1930 to 1940 to ascertain if unknown subject may have been a member of instant organization and set out any leads obtained from this review which might assist in identifying unknown subject. (Previously set out by letter 6/28/51.)

DETROIT OFFICE

AT ANN ARBOR, MICH.

Will conduct investigation as requested above at the American Microscopical Society, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan. (Previously set out by letter 6/28/51.)

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

Will conduct the same investigation requested of Chicago and Detroit at the following:

American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers,
29 West 39 St., N.Y.

American Iron and Steel Institute, 350 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

Electro Chemical Society, Inc., 463 First St., N.Y.

Metal Powder Association, 420 Lexington Ave., N.Y.

- Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, Room 966
11 Broadway, N.J.

New York Microscopical Society, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79 St., N.Y.

(Previously set out by letter 6/28/51.)

Will review indices, check credit and police department records to

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Obtain available background information on WARD W. NICHOLS, ANNA J. NICHOLS and GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON.

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will conduct investigation similar to that requested of Chicago, Detroit and New York at the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, 1010 Empire Building.

NEWARK OFFICE

AT RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Will conduct investigation to identify and secure background on WARD W. NICHOLS, J. B. NICHOLS, WILLIAM NICHOLS and S. W. NICHOLS.

AT UNION CITY, N.J.

Will review employment records of GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON at Merkel and Co.

Copies of this report have been designated for Boston, New Haven and Philadelphia for information in view of investigation conducted by those offices in this case.

A copy of this report has been designated for the Washington Field Office, which is handling investigation of PAUL PETERSEN, who was the Soviet superior of informant THOMAS L. BLACK.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Newark dated 4/19/51.

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acquainted is WALTER B. NICHOLS, former President and owner of Nichols Copper Company, of New York, and presently an officer of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, Wall Street, New York. Mr. GLUECK stated that Mr. NICHOLS is about 75 years old; a multi-millionnaire who resides in Long Island, New York.

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. NICHOLS	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: LESTER J. NICHOLS, RUSSELL NICHOLS and WALTER NICHOLS, all affiliated with Malleable Iron Fittings Company, Branford, Connecticut and apparently not identical with Subject.

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DETAILS:

The Steel Foundry Directory reflected that in 1945 one E.J. NICHOLS was Secretary of the Malleable Iron Fittings Company, Branford, Connecticut.

JOHN E. KNECHT, Personnel Manager, Malleable Iron Fittings Company, Branford, Conn., who is an established source of information, stated that LESTER J. NICHOLS for a number of years was Secretary of the company. KNECHT said that NICHOLS entered the employ of the Malleable Iron Fittings Company on August 13, 1866 at the age of 18 and that he remained with the company until he died on January 30, 1947. He stated that during this 80 years of service with the Malleable Iron Fittings Company, NICHOLS resided in Branford, Connecticut. He stated that NICHOLS had never attended any college or university and that he was not a metallurgist. He stated that NICHOLS was highly regarded by the employees of the company and the townspeople in Branford, Conn. and was in every respect a loyal American and a reputable individual.

KNECHT volunteered the information that the only other individuals by the name of NICHOLS who are working with the company at present are RUSSELL NICHOLS and his brother, WALTER NICHOLS. He stated that RUSSELL NICHOLS was the cashier of the company and living in Guilford, Conn. He advised that RUSSELL NICHOLS was a graduate of Lehigh University and had been with the company for at least 15 yrs.

KNECHT said that WALTER NICHOLS presently resides at Indian Neck, Branford, Conn. and that he has been employed, for at least the past 15 yrs., as a packer in the

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Shipping Department. He advised that WALTER NICHOLS had never attended an institution of higher learning and that both he and his brother are not metallurgists.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA FREDERICK L. EDWARDS dated 7/16/51 at Cleveland,
Ohio and the report of SA BLAKE E. TURNER dated 8/14/51 at
Newark, New Jersey.

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NH FILE NO. 65-1446 hjc

REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/29/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/27, 28/51	REPORT MADE BY JOHN W. POWELL
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. NICHOLS		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: LESTER J. NICHOLS, RUSSELL NICHOLS and WALTER NICHOLS, all affiliated with Malleable Iron Fittings Company, Branford, Connecticut and apparently not identical with Subject.

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DETAILS:

The Steel Foundry Directory reflected that in 1945 one E.J. NICHOLS was Secretary of the Malleable Iron Fittings Company, Branford, Connecticut.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; NICHOLS, wa.,
East Rutherford, New Jersey;
THOMAS L. BLACK - Informant
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-59395)

Relet Pittsburgh to Bureau, 8/13/51, and rep of SA
BLAKE E. TURNER, Newark, 8/14/51.

In view of the fact that the investigation requested in referenced report was previously reported by referenced letter no further investigation will be conducted in this matter.
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NY FILE NO. 65-15474 GMM

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/19/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/9, 17, 19, 20; 8/28/51	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM R. YATES
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; NICHOLS, wa., East Rutherford, N.J.; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Residence of one ARTHUR NICHOLS at White Plains, NY in 1935 verified; no derogatory information developed concerning this individual who is now believed to be residing in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Secretary of NY Microscopical Society, NYC advised that one LYMAN NICHOLS of Nutley, NJ is presently a member of this Society and has been for at least ten years. NY indices contain no information concerning WARD W. and ANNA J. NICHOLS and GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON. Credit and Criminal Records in NYC contain no information concerning these three individuals.

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DETAILS: The following investigation at White Plains, New York, was conducted by SA NORMAN W. PHILCOX:

It was ascertained through a check of the City Directory of White Plains, New York, that the resident at 19 Gedney Terrace, White Plains, is one JOHN I. BOGART, who is a painter by trade.

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Mr. GEORGE HELD of 17 Gedney Terrace, White Plains, New York, advised that Mr. and Mrs. BOGART have lived at 19 Gedney Terrace and have owned the house at that address for approximately 25 years and further advised that they have an excellent reputation.

Mrs. GERTRUDE C. BOGART was interviewed and advised that she had an individual who roomed at her house for approximately one and one-half years around 1935, whose true name was ARTHUR MARION NICHOLS. She advised that he had roomed at the YMCA in White Plains before he came to her house. At that time he had two brothers living in White Plains, namely, LESTER and MOSES NICHOLS.

Mrs. BOGART further advised that ARTHUR NICHOLS worked for an insurance company in White Plains around 1935, and that he had come to White Plains from someplace in New Jersey. She stated that she has not seen ARTHUR NICHOLS since 1935 and has no information regarding his present occupation or whereabouts. She stated that during the time he lived here he seemed to be a normal type young man, and as far as she knew, was entirely loyal.

The records of the Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, New York, indicated that ARTHUR M. NICHOLS and his wife, BETTY, lived in 1941 at 46 Quarropas Street, White Plains. Also, he was employed as an adjuster by the Fire Companies Adjustment Bureau located at 31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York. The credit records indicated an inquiry in 1941 by the Peoples National Bank and Trust Company of White Plains.

The credit bureau records also indicated that a brother, LESTER MERRITT NICHOLS, and his wife, DOROTHY, presently reside at 116 Russell Street, White Plains, New York. LESTER is employed by the City of New York as a director of public relations.

[REDACTED] Peoples 7C
National Bank and Trust Company, White Plains, New York, advised that ARTHUR M. NICHOLS had obtained a loan from that bank in August, 1940 and had repaid the loan in August, 1941. At that time he resided in the Riverpark Apartments, White Plains, New York. NICHOLS made several subsequent requests for loans, all of which were refused. The bank records showed the same place of employment as previously indicated.

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The bank records also indicated that NICHOLS had done business with the Morris Plan Industrial Bank in New York City.

Mr. VICTOR MILLER, a clerk at the United States Post Office, White Plains, New York, North Station, advised that he resides at Riverpark Apartments, White Plains, and that he knew ARTHUR NICHOLS personally while he lived there and has maintained contact with him since he has left there. He advised that NICHOLS resided for several years at the Riverpark Apartments and left there in 1943, at which time he went to Baltimore, Maryland. Subsequently he moved to South Weare, New Hampshire, and then to Caribou, Maine, and then to Presque Isle, Maine.

He recently moved to Woodridge, New Jersey, and either has already or will in the near future, move to Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Mr. MILLER was unable to furnish exact street addresses in the above towns. He stated that he was fairly friendly with NICHOLS during the time NICHOLS lived here and has visited him several times since he has left White Plains. MILLER'S wife and NICHOLS' wife still carry on an infrequent correspondence.

Mr. MILLER advised that he has no information which would indicate that NICHOLS is disloyal. He described NICHOLS as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 45 years
Height:	6'
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Light Brown
Marital Status:	Married; two children

Mr. IRVING BANNER, 635 Greenwich Street, New York City, Curator and Secretary of the New York Microscopical Society, advised that an individual by the name of LYMAN NICHOLS of 111 Vreeland Avenue, Nutley 10, New Jersey has been an active member of the Society for the past ten years and he is self-employed doing work with micrometers, rulings, engravings and refractometers. Mr. BANNER said

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that NICHOLS is very interested in micrometer data and comes a fairly long distance to the meetings of the Society at the Museum of Natural History in New York City every two weeks, eight months a year. Mr. BANNER said that he is not acquainted with the personal life and activities of NICHOLS, but that he knows that NICHOLS has a daughter about twenty-four years of age. It is his assumption that NICHOLS is a college graduate. He was not able to state where he attended college or the course he took. Mr. BANNER said that NICHOLS is a member in good standing in the club and that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

Mr. BANNER described NICHOLS as being an individual of about 55 to 60 years of age, approximately 5'7" in height, 160 pounds, wearing glasses and rather sharp features.

The indices of the New York Office contain no information regarding the following named individuals:

WARD W. NICHOLS
ANNA J. NICHOLS
GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON

The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Greater New York contained no record of WARD W. NICHOLS, ANNA J. NICHOLS and GUSTAVE N. NICHOLSON.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, New York, 8/6/51.
Report of SA BLAKE E. TURNER, Newark, 8/14/51.

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TITLE	UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; NICHOLS, wa., East Rutherford, N.J.; THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant		CHARACTER OF CASE
			ESPIONAGE - R

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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Nichols, East Rutherford, New Jersey; THOMAS L. BLACK - Informant	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R		

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of the American Microscopical Society, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for period 1930 to 1951 indicate only one name similar to alias of unknown subject: RICHARD U. NICHOLAS, Army War College, Washington, D. C., who joined Society in 1940.

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DETAILS: At Ann Arbor, Michigan:

Dr. F. E. EGGLETON, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, advised he is Secretary of the American Microscopical Society. He stated that no one with a name similar to NICHOLS is known personally to him as a member of this Society.

He described the organization as an international society principally made up of professional scientists in the fields of botany and zoology who are interested in the microscope as a means of research. Others in the Society, he said, have the optics of the microscope as such as their interest in the Society. He said there are also a few "amateurs" or "non-professionals" who belong to the Society through their hobby of microscopy.

The principal function of the organization is the publication of a quarterly journal to the entire membership, the current members being listed in each January edition.

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Through a review of these January editions, the membership of the organization was observed from January 1930 through January 1951. The only name remotely similar to the alias of unknown subject was one RICHARD U. NICHOLAS, whose address was noted as the Army War College, Washington, D. C. He was admitted to membership in 1940 and remained a member through 1942.

Dr. EGGLETON located the original application card for this individual; however, it contained no additional information except that it noted that at the same time he made application to the American Microscopical Society he was making application for membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. EGGLETON advised the name RICHARD U. NICHOLAS does not appear in any of his reference books pertaining to known scientists in the United States. It is noted that Dr. EGGLETON has an extensive scientific library containing many books listing various scientists in the many scientific fields, both in education and private enterprise. He was unable to locate any reference to RICHARD U. NICHOLAS in any of these volumes nor in the membership list for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. EGGLETON concluded that RICHARD U. NICHOLAS, as a member of the American Microscopical Society, would be considered an "amateur" or "hobbyist" in microscopy.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.:

Will identify RICHARD U. NICHOLAS, Army War College, Washington, D. C., and will through available files obtain sufficient background information on this individual to determine whether he is identical with the unknown subject.

REFERENCE: Newark letter to the Director, June 28, 1951;
Report of SA BLAKE E. TURNER, Newark,
August 14, 1951.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-59395)

DATE: 10/2/51

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Nichols
EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS L SLACK - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet 6/14/51.

Investigation requested rebulet was covered and it is believed that it was furnished to the Bureau in early August 1951. The office copies of the correspondence were apparently sent to the Bureau together with the Bureau copies.

It is requested that the Bureau check its file and return to Philadelphia the Philadelphia copies of the report or letter.

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Director, FBI

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EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - B

Re Philadelphia letter 10-8-51.

A review of Bureau files fails to reflect that the lead set out in Bulet June 14, 1951, was covered. Newark is requested to check its files to determine if all copies of Philadelphia correspondence concerning the coverage of this lead were inadvertently sent to Newark. If a search of Newark files fails to reveal information concerning the coverage of this lead, Philadelphia should promptly submit a report in this matter to reach the Bureau by November 15, 1951.

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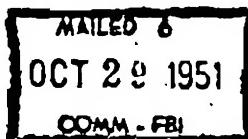
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TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa, Nichols: East Rutherford, New Jersey THOMAS L. BLACK - Informant		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FERDINAND P. HELLER states ARTHUR NICHOLS, a truck driver while employed at Franco-American Chemical Co., Carlstadt, N. J. NICHOLS had access to only routine material normally available to truck drivers. NICHOLS left Franco-American in 1932. In 1935 NICHOLS was an adjuster with an insurance firm. NICHOLS is not a technical man, only a highschool graduate. At York, Pa., J. C. CONSLEY, Vice-President, York Corporation, states engineers of firm were in the field in 1935 conducting research studies and experiments. SCOTT FLEMING NICOLL, an engineer with this firm, had done research work in air conditioning in and around New York City in 1935. CONSLEY stated on many visits to NICOLL's home, he has never seen a microscope. NICOLL had as a hobby, boat-building. CONSLEY also stated records of York Corporation would not reflect the whereabouts of NICOLL in 1935.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FERDINAND P. HELLER on September 26, 1951 advised that ARTHUR NICHOLS rather than NICHOLAS had been a fellow employee at Franco-American

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Chemical Company, Carlstadt, New Jersey.

NICHOLS was employed as a truck driver, and as such, had access only to material normally available to truckers. According to HELLER, NICHOLS never showed any active interest in political discussions of any kind.

HELLER said that he believed NICHOLS left the Franco-American firm sometime in 1935. He also said that in 1935, NICHOLS was employed as an adjuster with an insurance firm. HELLER could not recall the name of this firm.

NICHOLS was a highschool graduate only and not educated in a technical way at all. HELLER said he believed NICHOLS had been a top flight athlete while at East Rutherford High School.

HELLER said that NICHOLS had never been a regular caller at VERA KANE's residence in New York City.

HELLER concluded by saying he last saw ART NICHOLS in 1935.

At York, Pennsylvania

J. C. CONSLEY, Vice-President in Charge of Engineering, York Corporation, on July 11, 1951, advised SA MAURICE C. CARROLL that in 1935 the York Corporation was just entering the air conditioning field. During this period, engineers of the firm were out in the field conducting research studies and experiments. He advised that SCOTT FLEMING ~~NICOLL~~ had done research work in air conditioning in and around New York City at this time.

He also advised that he recalled visiting SCOTT ~~NICOLL~~ on many occasions. He has never seen or observed a microscope in the residence of NICOLL. CONSLEY also stated that he recalled in 1935 that NICOLL was involved in setting up a gas burning furnace in his home. He stated that NICOLL had boat-building as a hobby. CONSLEY also said that any knowledge NICOLL would have concerning metallurgy would be that he received in an engineering course only.